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# HISTORY OF GRAFTON,

WORCESTER COUNTY,

MASSACHUSETTS,

FROM ITS EARLY SETTLEMENT BY THE INDIANS IN 1647  
TO THE PRESENT TIME, 1879.

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INCLUDING THE GENEALOGIES OF SEVENTY-NINE  
OF THE OLDER FAMILIES.

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TO THE

Descendants of the First Settlers of Grafton,

WHEREVER RESIDING,

AND TO THE PRESENT INHABITANTS,

THIS HISTORY IS MOST

Respectfully Inscribed,

BY THEIR

FRIEND AND HUMBLE SERVANT,

FREDERICK CLIFTON PIERCE.



## ACTION OF THE TOWN.

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GRAFTON, MASS., May 5th, 1879.

MR. FREDERICK C. PIERCE.

*Dear Sir:*—We, the undersigned, members of the Board of Selectmen of this town, heartily approve and indorse the work now in course of preparation by you, viz.: that of compiling and publishing a “History of Grafton, from its early settlement by the Indians to the present time.”

Respectfully,

SAMUEL C. FLAGG,	} Board of Selectmen.
WM. T. BARKER,	
JAMES G. PUTNAM,	
A. G. KEMPTON,	
J. P. CROSBY,	

## PREFACE.

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The undersigned presents to the citizens of Grafton, native born and foreign, the results of his four years labor in compiling a history of his native town. In preparing the following pages I have labored under many disadvantages, though I have been greatly assisted by facts collected from the Colonial records, and the Massachusetts archives, a very valuable collection of papers, on a variety of subjects, in the office of the Secretary of State; also by recourse to books and pamphlets in the rooms of the American Antiquarian Society, at Worcester, and the Massachusetts Historical Society, at Boston; and by copies of the excellent oration, at the Centennial celebration, by Hon. William Brigham; the valuable Church Record, by Rev. Edmund B. Willson, A. M., once pastor of the First Congregational (Unitarian) Society; and the valuable historical oration by Rev. E. Frank Howe, at the celebration, July 4th, 1876.

In the genealogies I have endeavored to confine myself to the older families,—to those who resided in the town prior to 1800. I have commenced as far back, with each family, as the emigrant ancestor, of whom I give a short notice, then taking the first settler of the same name I have traced his genealogy down to the present time (1879). When any individual left town I have dropped the genealogy, simply giving, in cases where I could, the name of the town to which he removed, or in which he resided when last heard of, and I have noticed all interesting events connected

with the family or person, as far as I could. If I had done as some persons suggested—that is, give the genealogies of all the families in all their branches—I should have had an endless and life-long task. It has been my aim to be as accurate as possible, but of course I have made errors which were unavoidable. If I have made some marriages appear as forced or unnatural, the parties may console themselves, if living, with the reflection that they can separate without the trouble or delicacy of a divorce. “And if I have prematurely consigned some to the shades, they are at liberty to live on, as though nothing had happened.”

I take this opportunity to express my acknowledgments to all those who have kindly aided me by furnishing information and supplying facts. Thanks are particularly due to Samuel F. Haven, Esq., librarian of the American Antiquarian Society, and his courteous and ever-ready assistant, Edmund M. Barton, Esq., who placed at my disposal a large number of valuable historical works; to John Ward Dean, Esq., librarian of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, for the free use of the works contained therein; to Hon. Henry B. Pierce, secretary of the Commonwealth, for copies of records and papers furnished.

Great credit is due the printer, Mr. Charles Hamilton, and his accomplished assistant, Mr. Benjamin J. Dodge, for the excellent typographical appearance of the book.

FREDERICK C. PIERCE.

GRAFTON, July 30th, 1879.



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## ERRATA AND ADDENDA.

Page 39, line 21, for *Rider*, read *Wilder*.

Page 141, to the name of J. Frank Sweeney, add "enlisted as Bugler in Co. C., 34th Regt. Infantry, for three years; mustered July 24, 1862, and discharged for disability Sept. 15, 1864."

Page 152, line 19, for 393 read 399.

Page 305, line 25, drop the words *his son-in-law*.

Page 484, line 20, for 1840 read 1843.

Page 534, line 41, after the last Joseph, add *Joseph*.

Page 536,	"	1	"	"	"	"	"
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THIS town was originally a portion of the Nipmuck country, so called, by its being owned and occupied by a tribe of Indians called Nipmucks, Nipnets, or Nipmuks. The tribe which made the location of this town their home were called the Hassanamesits, who were in subjection to the Nipmucks. The Nipmuck Indians included the following tribes: Hassanamesits, Naticks, Nashuays, Pawtucketts, Pegans, Pennakooks, Quabaogs, and Wamesits.\* The limits of the Nipmuck country were not precise. It is evident, however, from the following extract, that, in 1647, the Nipmucks were rather uncertain about their sachem, and probably belonged

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\*The Naticks were located at Natick; the Nashuays were on the Nashua river, from its mouth; the Pawtucketts were on the Merrimac river, where Chelmsford now is; the Pegans were in Dudley, on a reservation of 200 acres; the Pennakooks were on the Merrimac river, near Concord, N. H.; the Quabaogs were located in Brookfield; the Wamesits were, for a time, on the Merrimac river, at Lowell.—*Drake*.

at one time to Massasoit, and at another to the Narragansetts, or others as circumstances impelled. "The Nopinat (Nipnet or Nipmuk) Indians, having noe Sachem of their own, are at liberty, part of them, by their own choice, doe appertaine to the Narragansetts' Sachem, and parte to the Mohegens."\* The Nipmucks were at one time tributaries to Massasoit. During Philip's war there was a constant intercourse between the tribes, and when any of his men made an escape, their course was directly into the country of the Nipmucks. No such intercourse subsisted between the Narragansetts and either of these. But, on the contrary, when a messenger from the Narragansetts arrived in the country of the Nipmucks, with the heads of some of the English, to show that they had joined in the war, he was at first fired upon; though afterwards, when two additional heads were brought, he was received with them. Roger Williams says, in 1668: "That all the Neepmucks were unquestionably subject to the Nanhigonsset Sachems, and in a special manner, to Mejksah, the son of Cannonnicens, and late husband to the old squaw-sachem,† now only surviving." At one time, Kutshamakin claimed some of the Nipmucks, or consented to be made a tool of by some of them, for some private end. But Mr. Pynchon said they would not own him as a sachem any longer "than the sun shined upon him." Had they belonged to him, Massachusetts must have owned them, which would have involved them in much difficulty. In 1648, by reason of several murders among them, a separation took place between the Pokanokets and Narragansetts and the Nipmucks; the two former separated themselves for the latter and other inland tribes, and went off to their own country. This was the reason they were so easily subdued after the separation took place. In 1643, Massasoit

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\*Records of the U. Col. in Hazard, II., 92.

†This squaw-sachem, as we believe, was chief of those inland Indians since denominated the Nipnets, or Nipmucks, and lived in 1621 near Wachusett Mountain.—*Drake's North American Indians.*

resided with Nashoonon, chief of the Nipmucks. In Winthrop's journal it is Nashacowam, we suppose\* he was father of Nassowanno, mentioned by Whitney in his History of the County. During Philip's war his provisions, women and children were removed from his country to that of the Nipmucks, near Hassanamesit.

In 1675, the Nipmucks were at this time chiefly under five sachems, which, says Hubbard, "were four too many to govern so small a people." "The Nipnets were under the command of the sachem of Mount Hope," which fact is verified by numerous passages of our history. The names of the five principal sachems were Monoco, Mautamp, Shoshanim, Matoonas, and Sagamore John. On the 22nd of August, 1675, the Hassanamesits were placed at Marlborough by authority. No sooner was it known that a murder was committed at Lancaster, than not a few were wanting to charge it upon the Hassanamesits. Captain Mosely,† who it seems was in this neighborhood, sent to their quarters and found "much suspicion against eleven of them, for singing and dancing, and having bullets and slugs, and much powder, hid in their baskets." For this offense these eleven were sent to Boston, 30th of August, on suspicion, and there tried and acquitted. The following are the names of the Indians arrested: Old Jethro and two sons, James-the-

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\*Drake's Indian History, II., 106.

†To this we may add, that Captain Mosely's character was such as to render it highly probable that he performed the part which tradition has assigned to him. Hutchinson says: "He had been an old privateer at Jamaica, probably of such as were called Buccaniers." He commanded a company of 110 volunteers, in the war with King Philip, and was one of the most resolute and courageous captains of his day. It was he who, on September 1, 1675, went out to the rescue of Captain Lathrop, who, with only 80 men, was attacked by a body of seven or eight hundred Indians at Deerfield, when all Captain L.'s company, with the exception of seven or eight, were cut off. He also led the van in the terrible assault made upon the Indians, December 19, in the Narragansett country, in which six English captains were killed, and nearly 200 men killed and wounded.

printer, James Acompanet, Daniel Munups, John Cquasquaconet, John Asquenet, George Nonsequeewit, Thomas Mamuxonqua, Joseph Watapacason *alias* Joseph Spoonant.

James Quanipang and Job Kattenanit were sent out to reconnoiter the enemy, then in the western part of this county, in the beginning of 1676. They passed through Hassanamesit, thence to Manesit (a part of Woodstock), where they were taken by seven Indians and carried to Menimesseg (New Braintree), where they found many of the enemy, and among them "the Marlborough Indians, who pretended that they had been fetched away by the other Indians." Some of them professed to be willing to return. Philip is said at this time to have been about half a day's journey on the other side of Fort Orania (Albany), and the Hadley Indians on this side. They were then preparing for that memorable expedition, in which the towns of Lancaster, Groton, Marlborough, Sudbury and Medfield were destroyed. This letter bears date 24th 11th mo., 1675 (Jan. 24, 1675.) It was only sixteen days after this, viz., Feb. 10, O. S., that they made a descent upon Lancaster, with 1500 warriors, and butchered or carried into captivity nearly all the inhabitants of that flourishing village.

Whether the Indians in this vicinity joined in this expedition, or left the enemy and returned to their homes, I have not been able, after diligent inquiry, to ascertain. The little I have been able to collect, though corroborated by circumstantial evidence, rests mainly on tradition.

Hassanamesit was the third town, which was established in 1660 by Rev. John Eliot, for the praying Indians, Punkapoag and Natick being established prior, in 1647. At the time it was established it contained twelve families, or sixty souls. The following short code of laws were adopted :

I. If any man be idle a week, or at most a fortnight, he shall pay five shillings.

II. If any unmarried man shall lie with a young woman unmarried, he shall pay five shillings.



III. If any man shall beat his wife, his hands shall be tied behind him, and he shall be carried to the place of justice to be severely punished.

IV. Every young man, if not another's servant, and if unmarried, shall be compelled to set up a wigwam, and plant for himself, and not shift up and down in other wigwams.

V. If any woman shall not have her hair tied up, but hang loose, or be cut as men's hair, she shall pay five shillings.

VI. If any woman shall go with naked breasts, she shall pay two shillings.

VII. All men that wear long locks shall pay five shillings.

VIII. If any shall kill their lice between their teeth, they shall pay five shillings.

When the Indian church was established here, Sept. 23, 1671,\* the second of the kind in the country, Piambohon of Natick, who was next in authority to Wauban, the ruler, was chosen or appointed ruling elder. When this town was broken up, in Philip's war, he returned again to Natick, where he died. He was one of those confined to Deer Island; hence, he lived until after the war. He was often styled Piambow. John Speen was another teacher, contemporary with Piambow, and, like him, "was a grave and pious man." In 1661, Timothy Dwight, of Dedham, sued John Speen and his brother, Thomas, for the recovery of a debt of sixty pounds, and Mr. Eliot bailed them. This he probably did with safety, as John Speen and "his kindred" owned nearly all the Natick lands, when the Christian Commonwealth was established there. This valuable possession

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\*The following is taken from the original first church record of the Congregational Society, in possession of Henry F. Wing, Esq., clerk of the Evangelical Congregational Society: "The Indian church, which was gathered in this place, was the second native church in New England. It was formed either by Rev. John Eliot, or some one raised up through his instrumentality. It is said to have been one of the permanent establishments of the kind, and yet it did seem as if it continued but a short time in its original state. It was formed in 1671, and three years after contained, it is said, about 16 members living in the town, besides several residing in other places. But 60 years after, as appears from this book, it was necessary to form another, and none were natives, probably."



he gave up freely, to be used in common, in 1650. Notwithstanding "he was among the first that prayed to God," at Nonantum (Newton), and "was a diligent reader," yet he died a drunkard; having been some time before discarded from the church at Natick. Pennahannit, called Captain Josiah, was "Marshal General" over all the praying towns, including Hassanamisco, and used to attend the courts. The following is said to be a copy of a warrant which was issued by the ruler Wauban, for this court: "You, you big constable, quick you catch um Jeremiah Offscow, strong you hold um, safe you bring um, afore me, Waban, justice peace."\*

Tukapewillin, son of Naoas, and brother to James-the printer and Awaweakin, was teacher here. He was, according to Major Daniel Gookin, "a pious and able man, and apt to teach." He suffered exceedingly in Philip's war; himself and his congregation, together with those of the two praying towns, "Maquunkog and Chobonekowhowom," having been enticed away by Philip's followers. Naoas, the father, was deacon of the church here, and among the number. They, however, tried to make their escape to the English soon after, agreeably to a plan concerted by Job Kattenanit, when he was among Philip's people as a spy; but, as it happened, in the attempt they fell in with an English scout, under Captain Gibbs, who treated them as prisoners, and with not a little barbarity; robbing them of everything they had, even the minister of his pewter cup, which he used at sacraments. At Marlborough, though under the protection of the officers, they were so insulted and abused, "especially by women," that Tukapewillin's wife, from fear of being murdered, escaped into the woods, leaving a suckling child to be taken care of by its father. With her went also her son, twelve years old, and two others. The others, Naoas and Tukapewillin, with six or seven children, were,

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\*Allen's Biog. Dict., Art. Waban.

soon after, sent to Deer Island. Naoas was, at this time, about 80 years old.

Wattasacompanum, called also Captain Tom, chief assistant to Major Gookin, ' was ruler of the Nipmuck Indians, a grave and pious man, of the chief sachem's blood of the Nipmuck country. He resided in this town. Captain Tom was among Tukapewillin's company, that went off with the enemy, as in speaking of him we have made mention. In that company there were about 200 men, women and children. The enemy, being about 300 strong, obliged the praying Indians to go off with them, or be killed by them. There were, however, many who doubtless preferred their company to that of their friends on Deer Island. This was about the beginning of December, 1675. Captain Tom afterwards fell into the hands of the English, and, being tried and condemned as a rebel, was, on the 26th of June, 1676, executed at Boston, much to the grief of such excellent men as Eliot and Gookin.

James Printer, or James-the-printer, was the son of Naoas, brother of Tukapewillin and Awaweakin. When a child, he was instructed at the Indian charity school at Cambridge. In 1659, he was put to an apprenticeship of sixteen years. If one could not leave his master without the charge of absconding, at least, both the master and apprentice should be pitied. In relation to this matter, Hubbard says: "He had attained some skill in printing, and might have attained more, had he not, like a false villain, ran away from his master before his time was out." And the same author observes that the name printer was superadded to distinguish him from others named James. Mather has this record of James Printer, July 8, 1676: "Whereas, the council at Boston had lately emitted a declaration, signifying that such Indians as did, within fourteen days, come in to the English, might hope for mercy, divers of them did this day return from among the Nipmucks. Among others, James, an Indian, who could not only read and write, but

had learned the art of printing, notwithstanding his apostasy, did venture himself upon the mercy and truth of the English declaration, which he had seen and read, promising for the future to venture his life against the common enemy. He and the others now come in, affirm that very many of the Indians are dead since this war begun; and that more have died by the hand of God, in respect of diseases, fluxes and fevers, which have been amongst them, than have been killed with the sword." Mr. Thomas says in his history of printing: "It was owing to the *amor patriæ* of James Printer that he left his master and joined in Philip's war." But how much *amor patriæ* he must have had to have kept him an apprentice sixteen years is not mentioned.

In 1683, Rev. John Eliot, in writing to the Hon. Robert Boyle, at London, said: "I desire to see it done\* before I die, and I am so deep in years that I cannot expect to live long; besides, we have but one man, viz., the Indian printer, that is able to compose the sheets and correct the press, with understanding." In another, in the following year, he said: "Our slow progress needeth an apology. We have been much hindered by the sickness the last year. Our workmen have been all sick, and we have but few hands, one Englishman, and a boy, and one Indian." This Indian was undoubtedly James-the-printer. And Mr. Thomas adds: "Some of James' descendants were not long since living in Grafton; they bore the surname of Printer." In a letter of the commissioners of the U. C. of New England, to the corporation in England, we find this postscript: "Two of the Indian youths, formerly brought up to read and write, are put apprentice, one to Mr. Green, the printer";† this was probably James. In 1698, James was teacher to five Indian families at Hassanamisco. In 1709, he seems to have got through with his apprentice-

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\* Referring to the Indian Bible.

†History of Printing, I., 292, 293.

ship, and to have had some interest in carrying on the printing business; for, in the title pages of the Indian and English Psalter, printed in that year, is this imprint: "BOSTON, N. E. Upprinthomunneau *B. Green*, and *J. Printer*, wutche quhtiantamwe CHAPANUKKEG ut *New-England*, etc., 1709." Job Kattenanit was a christian Indian, and belonged to this town, where he was for a time a preacher. When King Philip made his descent upon this place he escaped to the English, at Mendon. He was subsequently captured, taken to Boston, and confined for a time in the jail, where he suffered exceedingly. He was afterwards sent to Deer Island. July 24, 1675, five of the principal Nipmuck sachems signed an agreement to meet the Governor of the State to treat of peace soon after. They did not appear as agreed upon, and Captain Hutchinson, being sent to ascertain the cause, was ambushed by them and a number killed. The following year the Nipmucks became fully aware of their wretched condition, and on the 6th of July sent an Indian messenger to the English with a white flag.

While Captain HENCHMAN was in the enemy's country he made an excursion from this town to Packachoog, which lies about ten miles northwest from it. Meeting here with no enemy, he returned to this place; and having got a few miles on his way discovered that he had lost a tin case, which contained his commission, and other instructions. He therefore dispatched Thomas QUANAPOLIT and two Englishmen in search of it. They made no discovery of the lost article until they came in sight of an old wigwam at Packachoog, where, to their no small surprise, they discovered the enemy in possession of it.\*

The biography of John Wampus *alias* White, if it could be known, would be a matter of curious interest. Little, however, is known of this. Some fragments of the annals of the times make it very probable that he was a Sagamore

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\* Gookin's History of Praying Indians.



of the Hassanamesit tribe. He is mentioned as being some time of Hassanamesit. In January, 1666, Robert Wayard, of Hartford, Ct., conveyed, by deed, a tract of land situate in Boston, to John Wampus, an Indian of Boston, bounded on the common, etc., being 300 feet by 30, with a dwelling house thereon. This tract is now partly covered by St. Paul's Church.\* The records of Suffolk County give farther evidence of his concern in the sale or purchase of real estate. Tradition, pretty well established, makes it very probable that he crossed the Atlantic and was in London, that he returned to New England in the same ship with a Dr. Sutton, that his health failed on his return, and that he received particular attention from him on this voyage.†

David Munnaw, or as it was more commonly written and pronounced, Munnalaw, was an Indian of some notoriety in the Hassanamesits, previous to King Philip's war. After this war he went to Marlborough, where he confessed he assisted in the destruction of Medfield. This treacherous Indian had, it is said, a slit thumb, which circumstance led to his conviction. He had been absent from Marlborough several months, but after his return would give no account of himself whither he had been, or how he had employed himself in the meantime. At length, however, an inhabitant of Medfield, one whom Munnaw had wounded, being at Marlborough, immediately recognized him by the mark on his thumb, and charged him with his treachery. At first he denied the charge; but, finding that the proof against him could not be evaded, he at length owned that he had been led away by Philip, and had assisted in the burning of Medfield.

He was, however, suffered to live without molestation. His wigwam stood on the borders of the beautiful lake, near the public house kept by Mr. Silas Gates, where he lived with his family many years, till the infirmities of old age

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\*Nathaniel Bowdich, Esq.

†Dea. Leland, Sutton.



came upon him. He was accustomed to repair to the neighboring orchards for the purpose of obtaining fruit. There was one tree of the fruit of which he was particularly fond, and which was accordingly his favorite place of resort. In this spot the old warrior expired. Old David Munnanaw died a little more than 133 years since, having lived, as was supposed, nearly or quite a century of years. According to this account he must have been a young man, nearly thirty years of age, at the time of Philip's war. In his old age his skin was very much wasted and shrivelled.

The residence of Munnanaw, when here, was in that part of Hassanamisco which is now Saundersville, and on land which formerly belonged to Capt. James Leland, now owned by Dea. John McClellan. When Captain Leland settled here the marks of the old Indian cornfields were plainly to be seen. The method of their rude cultivation was, after fixing on a spot suitable for their purpose, to plant the corn in hills at convenient distance. In the fall, after gathering their scanty harvest, the stalks were left standing, and in the following spring they would be burned on the place of their growth, and corn planted from year to year in the same place.

Abimelich David, the reputed son of David Munnanaw, was well known in the annals of the Hassanamisco Indians. He was a well proportioned Indian. Abimelich had several daughters, among whom were Sue, Deborah, Esther, Patience, Nabby and Betty. They lived in a wretched hovel or wigwam, under a large oak, near the dwelling-house of Mr. Warren Brigham, when in Marlborough. They had become dissolute in their habits, and were exceedingly troublesome to their neighbors; and they are remembered with very little respect or affection.

Very little is known of the Indians from this period to 1725, when the number of Indian proprietors of Hassanamisco was thirty-two, viz.: George Misco and wife; Ami Printer and wife; Moses Printer, wife and family, seven;

Andrew Abraham and family, eight; Peter Muckamug (in right of Sarah Robbins, his mother) and family, three; Joshua Misco and wife; Ami Printer, Jr., and family, four; Abimelich David (in right of his wife and family) three; and Peter Lawrence (in right of Missanano.)\*

These who bear the name of Printer are the reputed descendants of James-the-printer, who assisted Eliot in printing his Indian Bible.

Andrew Abraham was well known here. His notoriety arose from the circumstance of his location at the fordway, the place of passing the Blackstone river previous to the erection of bridges over the same. The Indians made but little proficiency in agricultural knowledge, and the proficiency to which they had attained seems to have been confined quite exclusively to the cultivation of apples, for the purpose of obtaining cider, which seemed to be the object in view, the use of which, to a state of intoxication, was universal. So far as they had made any attempts at any mechanical business, these attempts were confined almost entirely to the manufacture of baskets and wooden brooms, in the making of which they sometimes discovered surprising ingenuity.† Mary Printer *alias* Thomas, the last of the full blooded Indians of this tribe, and the last blood descendant of the Hassanamesits, died in Worcester, February 10, 1879, the wife of Prof. Gilbert Walker, Sarah (Boston) Walker. Her mother, Sally Boston, was well known throughout Worcester County. She was born in Grafton, February 21, 1819.

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\*General Court Records, Vol. XII., p. 228.

†Dea. Leland's Papers.

## CHAPTER SECOND.

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AS WE have before stated, the limits of the Nipmuck country were not very well defined, but probably included all the southern part of Worcester County, a few of the adjoining towns in the State of Connecticut, and westward to the Connecticut River. Like most of New England, when first visited by the English, its population was very sparse. It had been wasted away by pestilence, or by the fatal incursions of the fierce and warlike *Maguas*. Its inhabitants possessed a milder and less warlike character than most of the neighboring tribes, and were accordingly brought into subjection to them. What was the nature of this subjection, or in what relation they stood to these tribes, it is now difficult to state with much accuracy. It is known, however, that they paid them a tribute; and perhaps this, in time of peace, was the only acknowledgment of servitude required. The first mention made of this country is by Governor Winthrop, who, with a number of others, made an excursion up Charles River in January, 1632. After they had gone up about fifteen miles, he says "they ascended a very high rock, where they might see all over *Neipnett*, and a very high hill due west." No white man, probably, ever set foot on its soil till the autumn of 1635, when it was

traversed by a company of English, consisting of sixty persons, who, thinking themselves straitened for land in Massachusetts Bay, had determined thus early to emigrate to the more fertile banks of the Connecticut. What portion of the *Nipmuck* country they crossed is not known; but as their destined point was at Wethersfield, it is not improbable that they crossed this town, and that here, nearly three hundred years ago, that small company of emigrants, under the broad canopy of Heaven, invoked the blessing of God on their arduous enterprise.

No other notice is taken of the Nipmucks, or their country, until the benevolent project of converting the Indians to christianity was undertaken. This was in 1646. Strong hopes were then entertained of its success. Among those who were willing to devote their time, wealth and talents to this cause, none were more conspicuous than John Eliot, known in his own day as "the apostle to the Indians." He commenced his benevolent labors among the Indians at Natick, with whom the Nipmucks had a friendly and constant intercourse, and by that means they were probably first induced to attend his preaching. In an account of his success, written to the corporation of London, in 1649, he says, "that a Nipnet sachem hath submitted himself to the Lord, and much desires one of our chief ones to live with him and those that are with him." In another account, written in 1651, he says: "There is a great country lying between Connectacott and the Massachusetts, called Nipnet, where there be many Indians dispersed, many of whom have sent to our Indians desiring that some may be sent unto them to teach them to pray to God." Soon after this Eliot probably came to this town; for, in 1654, he had met with such success that the General Court, on his petition, set it apart for the use of the Indians. The design of this was, as appears from Eliot's petition, to prevent any conflicting claims between the English and Indians, and to preserve to the latter the quiet and undisturbed enjoyment of lands

which they and their fathers had held from time immemorial, but over which the State claimed jurisdiction. From that time, for a number of years, Eliot frequently visited this town, and made much progress in his benevolent labors. "No Indian town gave stronger assurances of success than this, at that time. Hassanamesit had become the central point of civilization and christianity to the whole Nipmuck country."\* A school was here established, where the Bible was read and studied in the Indian language. Young men were here educated and sent into the neighboring towns to preach the gospel. A regular government was created, and the forms of law strictly observed. The population of the town was small, yet, by reason of their constant intercourse with their neighbors, a large number of the natives enjoyed the benefits of this school, and before the year 1674, seven new towns of "praying Indians," as they were termed, were formed in this neighborhood, most of which were furnished with teachers from this place. James Printer was subsequently engaged as teacher at *Chabanakongkomun* (Dudley). He is referred to as "a sober, pious and ingenious person, and is well read in the scriptures." He was the first that settled the town, and got the people to him about two years since. At this place dwells an Indian called Black James, who about a year since was constituted Constable of all the praying towns, including *Hassanamisco*.\*

The Rev. John Eliot, the celebrated missionary to the Indians, was nearly sixty years pastor of the church in Roxbury. He was born in England in 1604, and came to this

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\*Eliot wrote an account of the gathering of this church, and sent it to the Corporation of London, to be printed, as he states in a letter dated 1673, and published in the Massachusetts Historical Collections, Vol. X., 1st series. It was probably never published. Samuel F. Haven, Esq., of the American Antiquarian Society, while in London endeavored to find this report, but it was not to be found. He made a report of his investigations to the society, which was published in their transactions.

\*Gookin's Praying Indians.



country November 13, 1631. Having learned the barbarous dialect of the Indians, he first preached to an assembly of Indians at Nonantum (Newton), October 28, 1646. He was violently opposed by the sachems and pawaws, or priests, who were apprehensive of losing their authority if a new religion was introduced. He made every exertion to promote the welfare of the Indian tribes; he stimulated many servants of Jesus to engage in the missionary work; and although he mourned over the stupidity of many, who preferred darkness to light, yet he lived to see twenty-four of the copper-colored aborigines fellow-preachers of the precious gospel of Christ. He died May 20, 1690.

Major-General Daniel Gookin, of Cambridge, who was born in the County of Kent, England, and first settled in Virginia and moved to Cambridge in 1644, was the superintendent of all the Indians that had subjected themselves to the provincial government. He was accustomed to accompany Mr. Eliot in his missionary tours. While Mr. Eliot preached the gospel to the Indians, General Gookin administered civil affairs among them. In 1675, when Philip's war broke out, the English inhabitants generally were jealous of the praying Indians, and would have destroyed them had not General Gookin and Mr. Eliot stepped forth in their defense. The Christian Indians were for a while kept on one of the islands in Boston harbor, through fear of their becoming traitors and going over to the enemy. The issue proved that these fears were entirely groundless. Not a single praying Indian went over to the enemy. General Gookin died in 1687, an old man, whose days were filled with usefulness.

Gookin describes this town with much greater particularity than Hubbard, who called it "a place up into the woods beyond Medfield and Mendon." Gookin says, "the name *Hassanamesit* signifieth a place of small stones. It lieth about thirty-eight miles from Boston, west-southerly, and is about two miles eastward of Nipmuck River, and near unto

the old road-way to Connecticut. It hath not above twelve families; and so, according to our computation, about sixty souls; but is capable to receive some hundreds, as generally the other villages are, if it shall please God to multiply them. The dimensions of this town is four miles square, and so about eight thousand acres of land. This village is not inferior unto any of the Indian plantations for rich land and plenty of meadow, being well tempered and watered. It produceth plenty of corn, grain and fruit; for there are several good orchards in the place. It is an apt place for the keeping of cattle and swine; in which respect this people are the best stored of any Indian town of their size." "Here they have a meeting-house for the worship of God, after the English fashion of building, and two or three other houses after the same mode, but they fancy not greatly to live in them. Their way of living is by husbandry, and keeping cattle and swine; wherein they do as well or rather better than any other Indians, but are yet very far short of the English both in diligence and providence. There are in full communion in the church, and living in town, about sixteen men and women, and about thirty baptized persons; but there are several others, members of this church, that live in other places. This is a hopeful plantation."\*

When the town of Sutton was granted to the English, May 15, 1704, this town was reserved for the Indians. [The tract of land called Sutton was originally purchased by a number of gentlemen of Sachem John Wampus, and his company, Indians, who claimed it. Wampus first reserved four miles square for his countrymen, the Indians, which they called *Hassanamisco*; this is now Grafton. It was to begin at a certain bound, which he fixed upon; and there the purchasers above referred to were to have as much land as eight miles square would amount to, situated in the Nipmug country, between the towns of Mendon, Marlborough,

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\*Gookin's Praying Indians.

Worcester, Oxford, and New Sherburne (now Douglas), and this was confirmed to the purchasers, May 15th, 1704, and formed into a township. That part of the original purchase which fell to the eastward of Grafton, was, part of it, many years ago, annexed to the town of Westborough, and the other part, with some from Mendon and Hopkinton, taken to form the town of Upton.]

In the year 1675, a century before the American Revolution, King Philip's war broke out, and during this war this promising settlement was entirely broken up,\* and, though a number of the families returned after the war,† yet the church was probably never re-established. The Indians themselves were divided in their allegiance, some adhering to the English throughout, and others taking side with Philip, and still others, at first deserting the English, but afterwards returning to them. May 24, 1677, an order was issued by the General Court settling the praying Indians in Hassanamesit, Natick, Wamesit and Punkapaug. They were also ordered not to receive any foreign Indians in their societies under a penalty to be fixed by the court.‡ A number of years elapsed after this war, before the few remaining proprietors of Hassanamesit returned to make it a permanent residence. Most of them lived with the Natick Indians, and came here occasionally only, for the purpose of planting corn and making cider. In 1698, five families had returned, and among these was James Printer, who was distinguished for his agency in printing the Indian Bible, as well as for his great intelligence.

In 1681, the General Court appointed commissioners to examine the claims of the several Indians to the Nipmuck country. They reported that they found them litigious among themselves, and willing to claim the whole. They thought, however, that for a reasonable sum their several

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\*Mass. His. Col. II., Vol. L., p. 185.

†Wilson's Sermon, p. 9.

‡Colonial Records.

claims could be extinguished.\* And subsequently, the same commissioners, having been authorized to treat with them for that purpose, purchased a large tract of land south of the Blackstone River, about fifty miles long and twenty wide, for the sum of fifty pounds and a coat. The deeds were signed by forty-nine persons. **1197702**

The Indians remained the sole proprietors of this town until 1718, when Elisha Johnson, of Sutton, was permitted to purchase a tract of land on condition that he would build and support a bridge over each branch of the Blackstone River. These bridges were built and supported by him until 1737, when they were assumed by the proprietors, and subsequently by the town, and he was discharged from his obligation. Other persons, from time to time, were permitted to purchase land; so that in 1728, nine English families had already settled here. A road was laid across the town to Sutton in 1723. A purchase of the entire town was not attempted until May, 1724, when a number of persons, principally inhabitants of Marlborough, Sudbury, Concord and Stow, presented a petition to the General Court for that purpose.

A petition of Samuel Chandler and John Sherman, in behalf of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Concord, Sudbury, Marlborough and Stow, for leave to purchase of the Hassanamisco Indians land at that place, was referred to Mr. Remington, Colonel Bond and Major Chandler, who were to visit the land and report the proper price. This

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\*In the report of William Stoughton and Joseph Dudley, the commissioners, dated October 17, 1681, is the following: "The middle part above Sherborne and Marlborough, claimed by the Hassanamesit men, now resident at Natick, but interrupted by the claim of several executors to John Wampus, whom we summoned before the governor and magistrates in Boston, soon after our return, and find their claim very uncertain, but, if allowed, will be to the ruin of the middle part of the country, of which the Indians make complaint to this court.—*Colonial Records.*"

order was non-concurred in by the Council, December 13, 1726.\*

December 16th, three days afterwards, the House of Representatives and the Council held a conference, and the latter body concurred in the above order, and the following gentlemen composed the committee: Nathaniel Byfield and Samuel Thaxter of the Council, and John Chandler, Esq., Major Tileston and Captain Goddard. They made the following report September 21st, 1727: "Pursuant to the within order, a major part of the committee repaired to Hassanamisco, and having carefully viewed the lands proposed to be sold by the natives there, containing about seven thousand five hundred acres; about one-half whereof being a good soil, but very stony, the other half pitch pine and shrub plain, are of opinion, and have accordingly valued and estimated the land at the sum of 2,500 pounds, under the conditions dated June 9th, 1726."†

February 16th, 1727, the trustees of the Indians at Hassanamisco, Spencer Phipps, Esq., Capt. Edward Goddard and Capt. Ephraim Curtis, reported to the Council the difficulties they were under in their business. It was ordered that the committee be empowered to advance or pay any part of the purchase money for the relief and support of the Indians they deemed necessary.‡

The following is an exact copy of the original deed for the purchase of the town:—

## PRINTER AND CO. TO THE 40 PETITIONERS.

**To All People** TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Ami Printer, Andrew Abraham, Moses Printer, and Ami Printer, Jr., Indians of Hassanamisco, in the County of Suffolk, within his Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, being owners and proprietors of one-seventh part each of and in the Indian native right of land in Hassanamisco aforesaid.

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\*House of Representatives Records.

†Colonial Records. ‡Ibid.



Peter Muckamaug, and Sarah his wife, of Hassanamisco aforesaid (owners and proprietors in the right of the said Sarah), of one-seventh part of the said native right.

And Christian Misco, relict widow of George Misco, late of Hassanamisco aforesaid, deceased, and Joshua Misco, of Hassanamisco aforesaid, son of the said deceased, being owners and proprietors of two-sevenths parts of the said native right—

#### SENDETH GREETING.

**Whereas**, The Great and General Court or Assembly of the aforesaid Province, having been thereunto petitioned as well by the Indian natives and proprietors before named, as by a number of English petitioners, did in their late session, viz.: in the month of December last past, in answer to the petition of Samuel Chandler, John Sherman, and others, give liberty to the petitioners therein referred to, to purchase the lands at Hassanamisco by them petitioned for, containing about seven thousand five hundred acres, more or less, of the Indian natives and proprietors thereof, for the settlements of forty English families of the petitioners, or their posterity, and no others exclusive of the English and Indians upon the spots already, reserving for and unto the said Indian proprietors, each of them, an equal dividend in said land with each of the purchasers, to be laid out so as to comprehend and take in their present improvements. And also one hundred acres more of land there, to be the present Indian proprietors, their heirs and assigns, forever. And also the sum of 2,500 pounds, to be deposited in the hands of trustees appointed, authorized and empowered by the said Great and General Court or Assembly, to receive and set out the same at interest, on good and sufficient security, and said interest to be paid to the said Indian proprietors, and the said court shall, from time to time, order and direct together with sundry immunities, privileges and enfranchisements, respecting the settlements and support of the ministry and school, as in and by the records of said court (relation thereunto being had) doth and may appear.

**Now Know Ye**, That the said Ami Printer, Andrew Abraham, Moses Printer, Ami Printer, Jr., Peter and Sarah Muckamaug, Christian Misco, and Joshua Misco, being the only surviving proprietors of the Indian right of land in Hassanamisco aforesaid, for the consideration before mentioned, have given, granted, bargained, sold, alienated, enfeoffed, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do fully, clearly and absolutely give, grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto each of the persons hereinafter named, being of the proprietors, to whom such liberty of purchasing was granted as aforesaid, or otherwise admitted by and with the approbation or allowance of the said Great and General Court, one fortieth part in common and undivided right of, and in, all that tract or parcel of land called, or known, by the name of Hassanamisco, situated and bounded by and with the town-

ship of Sutton, in the aforesaid County of Suffolk, and surrounded by said Sutton, excepting always and reserving out of this present grant and sale such parts and dividends thereof and therein unto them, the said Indian proprietors, and to their heirs and assigns forever, as is expressed and mentioned in a vote of the House of Representatives, on the ninth of June, 1725, and accordingly reserved by the Great and General Court as is above expressed, excepting also and reserving out of this present grant and sale, all such other parts and parcels of said tracts of land as hath been formerly (with the allowance of said court) granted unto sundry English people, to be holden of them, the said purchasers, their respective heirs and assigns forever, conformable to the votes, acts and orders of the said Great and General Court, passed thereon in their aforesaid session,—that is to say, to James Watson, of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, in the Province aforesaid, mariner, Benjamin Willard, gent., and Joseph Willard, husbandmen, being both of or in the County of Suffolk, in the Province aforesaid, each one-fortieth part thereof, to them, their respective heirs and assigns, forever.

To Joseph Rice, Jonathan Morse, David Harrington, Samuel Biglo, Samuel Stow, Zerubbabel Eager, Samuel Brigham, John Sherman, John Warren, Nathan Brigham, Sen., Charles Brigham, husbandmen, Jeremiah Barstow, trader, and Elizabeth Harrington, widow, all of Marlborough, in the County of Middlesex, in the Province aforesaid, each one-fortieth part thereof, to them, and their respective heirs and assigns, forever.

To Samuel Chandler, John Hunt, Joseph Merriam, Eleazer Flagg, Jacob Taylor, Ebenezer Wheeler, Joseph Barrett and Benjamin Barrett, husbandmen, all of Concord, in the aforesaid County of Middlesex, each one-fortieth part thereof, to them, their respective heirs and assigns, forever.

To Samuel Hall, Simon Gates, Jr., John Collar, husbandmen, all of Stow, in the aforesaid County of Middlesex, each one-fortieth part thereof, to them, their respective heirs and assigns, forever.

To William Rogers, gent., and William Rogers, Jr., bricklayer, both of Wenham, in the County of Essex, in the Province aforesaid, each one-fortieth part thereof, to them, their respective heirs and assigns, forever.

To Jonathan Rice and Richard Taylor, both of Sudbury, in the County of Middlesex aforesaid, husbandmen, each one-fortieth part thereof, to them and their respective heirs and assigns, forever.

To John Jones, of Hopkinton, in the aforesaid County of Middlesex, husbandman, one-fortieth part thereof, to him, his heirs and assigns, forever.

To Jonas Houghton, of Lancaster, in the aforesaid County of Middlesex, husbandman, John Davis, of Ipswich, in the County of Essex, in the Province aforesaid, husbandman, and Thomas Weeks, of Shrews-

bury, in the aforesaid County of Middlesex, husbandman, each one fortieth part, to them and their heirs and assigns, forever.

To Thomas Pratt, of Hassanamisco, in the aforesaid County of Suffolk, husbandman, and Nathaniel Wilder, of Lancaster, in the aforesaid County of Middlesex, husbandman, each one fortieth part, to them and their heirs and assigns, forever. Together with all the rights, members, profits, privileges, emoluments, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said granted premises belonging, or in any wise appertaining, excepting only as before excepted. To have and to hold the said granted bargained premises, with the appurtenances and every part thereof, except as before excepted, to them, the said James Watson, Benjamin Willard, Joseph Willard, Joseph Rice, Jonathan Morse, David Harrington, Samuel Biglo, Samuel Stow, Zerubbabel Eager, Samuel Brigham, John Shernan, John Warren, Nathan Brigham, Charles Brigham, Jeremiah Barstow, Eliza Harrington, Samuel Chandler, John Hunt, Joseph Merriam, Eleazer Flagg, Jacob Taylor, Ebenezer Wheeler, Joseph Barrett, Samuel Hall, Simon Gates, Nathaniel Hapgood, Phineas Rice, Simon Gates, Jr., John Collar, William Rogers, William Rogers, Jr., Jonathan Rice, Richard Taylor, John Jones, Jonas Houghton, John Davis, Thomas Weeks, Benjamin Barrett, Thomas Pratt and Nathaniel Rider, and to their respective heirs and assigns, forever, to their and each of their own proper use and benefit and behoof, in manner as aforesaid.

And they, the said Ami Printer, Andrew Abraham, Moses Printer, Ami Printer, Jr., Peter and Sarah (Printer) Muckamaug, Christian Misco and Joshua Misco, for themselves, heirs, etc., respectively, do, by these presents, covenant, promise and grant to, and with the said grantees or purchasers before named, and each and every one of them, their respective heirs and assigns, in manner following, that is to say,—that they, the said Ami Printer, Andrew Abraham, Moses Printer, Peter and Sarah Muckamaug, Christian Misco, Joshua Misco and Ami Printer, Jr., are the true, sole and lawful owners of all and singular, the lands at Hassanamisco aforesaid, not otherwise heretofore disposed of in manner aforesaid, and they, the said Indian proprietors, and their heirs respectively, shall and will, from time to time, and at all times forever hereafter, WARRANT AND DEFEND in said granted and bargained premises, with the appurtenances and every part thereof, excepting only as before excepted, unto the grantees or purchasers before named, severally and respectively, and their respective heirs and assigns, against themselves and their heirs, and against the lawful claims or demands of any other person whomsoever, claiming or to claim the Indian or native right, or property thereof, or of any part thereof.

In witness whereof, the said Indian proprietors have hereunto set their hands and seals, the nineteenth day of March, *Ano Domno*, 1727, *Anroque Regni Regis Gregory Secundi Maynus Britannia Primo*.

AMI PRINTER,

his mark

MOSES PRINTER,

" "

ANDREW ABRAHAM,

" "

PETER MUCKAMAUG,

" "

SARAH MUCKAMAUG, her mark

CHRISTIAN MISCO,

" "

JOSHUA MISCO,

his mark

AMI PRINTER, JR.,

" "

Signed, sealed and delivered, in presence of

NEHEMIAH HOW.

JONATHAN ADAMS.

ISAAC WHITNEY.

Moses Printer signed in presence of us,

JOHN CHANDLER, JR.

JOHN MACKINTIRE, his mark

*Suffolk, ss.*

HASSANAMISCO, March 20, 1727-8.

Ami Printer, Andrew Abraham, Peter Muckamaug, Sarah Muckamaug, Christian Misco, Joshua Misco, and Ami Printer, then severally acknowledged this instrument to be their respective act and deed, before me,

JOHN CHANDLER, *Just. Pacis*.

*Suffolk, ss.*

WOODSTOCK, April 9, 1728.

Moses Printer then acknowledged this instrument to be his act and deed, before me,

JOHN CHANDLER.

July 2, 1728, received, and accordingly entered and examined, pr.

JOHN BALLANTINE, Regr.\*

*Anno Primo Regni Regis Georgis Secundi*.

\*Recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, Lib. 42, Folio 206.



“AN ACT to oblige and require the forty petitioners for a tract of land at Hassanamisco, together with the English proprietors of the other lands there, to pay the charge of erecting a meeting-house and school-house, and of supporting an Orthodox minister and school-master in the place.

WHEREAS, This court, at their present session, in answer to the petition of Samuel Chandler and others, to the number of forty, whose names are subscribed to the said petition, did give them liberty to purchase the lands at Hassanamisco, by them petitioned for, containing about seven thousand five hundred acres, more or less, of the Indian natives and proprietors of Hassanamisco, upon condition that forty English families shall be settled upon the land, which families are to be of the petitioners or their posterity, and no others, and yet within the space of three years they build and finish a meeting-house for the public worship of God; and build a school-house for the instruction, as well of the Indians as English children. And settle a learned Orthodox minister to preach the gospel to them, and constantly maintain and duly support a minister and schoolmaster among them. And yet all the above articles shall be without charge to the Indian natives.

And whereas there are sundry English proprietors of other lands in Hassanamisco, who will be accommodated by the said meeting-house, school-house, minister and schoolmaster, as well as the forty petitioners.

*Be it therefore enacted*, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, that the said forty petitioners be, and are hereby required and obliged to pay, each of them, an equal part of four fifth parts of the charge of building the said meeting-house and school-house, and that the said English proprietors of the other lands at Hassanamisco, be and are hereby required and obliged to pay the other fifth part of the above said charge, to be apportioned and assessed by the trustees of the Hassanamisco Indians, already appointed by this court, upon the said English proprietors, according to their best judgment and discretion, they having regard unto the quantity of land and other estate in Hassanamisco belonging unto them, and to be collected by such meet person as they, the said trustees, shall appoint for that end. The above said proportion of charges, together with the method of assessing and collecting the same, to be observed and pursued until the said petitioners and the other proprietors be invested with the powers and privileges of a township.

And the said forty petitioners, together with the said English proprietors of the other lands, as aforesaid, shall be obliged forever hereafter to maintain a minister and schoolmaster for the Indians, and their children, without cost or charge to the said Indians, or their posterity.

Signed,

ABNER STOW,  
Prop's Clerk.”



The committee made the following report to the House of Representatives:—

“The committee, having concurred the several articles and conditions on which the petitioners for Hassanamisco have liberty to purchase a tract of land commonly known by the name, of the Indian proprietors thereof, are humbly of opinion that the petitioners, before the execution of their deeds, shall each one for himself respectively be bound to the trustees appointed for said Indians, and their successors, with sureties for paying a ———, with part of the cost of building a meeting-house convenient for the publick worship for themselves and nine English families already settled within the said Hassanamisco, and the Indian inhabitants of said Hassanamisco, as also for paying the same proportion towards building a school-house, convenient for the teaching to read and write the children of the same inhabitants, as well Indians as English. And that they will set apart twenty acres of said land for the use of said school, to remain for said service forever, and also for paying the same proportion for and towards the settling a learned Orthodox minister, and for settling for the said minister a lot of land equal to others’ allowances, to be his own as soon as he takes office among them, and likewise the building for himself.—Petitioners’ accounts read—a dwelling-house and breaking up four acres of land in the lot or dividend that shall be apportioned and set off to him, all to be within the time and according to the limitation in the act of the Great and General Court relating hereunto, in their present session.

And for as much there are nine English families already settled on lands within Hassanamisco that will be accommodated by the meeting-house, school-house, minister and schoolmaster, in said Hassanamisco, as above, the committee humbly propose that the said nine families be, by special act of this Great and General Court, required to pay each a fortieth part to and for erecting and finishing said meeting-house and school-house, and to and for the support of said minister and schoolmaster. And in as much as the maintaining a minister and schoolmaster are to be from generation to generation, and consequently not so proper for condition in a bond.—

The committee humbly conceive that in the aforesaid act of this Great and General Court the said forty petitioners, with the other nine English families, inhabitants, shall be obliged, from time to time, forever hereafter, to maintain a minister and schoolmaster for the Indians and their children, without cost or charge to said Indians or their posterity.\*

For the committee,

JOHN STODDARD.

Read and accepted, December 18, 1727.

Concurred, December 19, 1727.”

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\*From Records in Secretary of State’s Office.

March 18, 1728, the trustees met with the residents at Hassanamisco, and the proprietors proceeded to lay out lands for a first division, viz.: Eighty acres of upland and eight acres of meadow to each English and Indian family, who were proprietors. This was satisfactory to the Indians. After the deed had been signed Moses Printer, one of the Indian proprietors, died, as did his squaw, leaving four small children with nothing but a gun, and an obligation of £120, £60 of which was due in September. One of the older ones held the bond. At this time the trustees asked the court for further instructions respecting the conduct of the Indians, the improvement of their lands, and the removal of any and all such persons as may cohabit with the Indians.

April 4, 1728, the trustees presented to the General Court a memorial, setting forth the difficulties that had arisen in the disposition of the money produced by the sale of their land, and other matters. It was ordered that Samuel Thaxter and Timothy Lindall, Esqrs., of the Council, and Colonel Tilestone, Mr. Hall and Mr. Saltonstall, take the matter into consideration and report.

May 31, 1728, an order was issued by the Council to the trustees of the Indians at Hassanamisco, to lay out seven proprietors' shares there, and no more, for the seven Indian families, instead of the nine Indian families (making thirty-two persons), as previously reported.

At a meeting of the proprietors of the common and undivided lands lying in Hassanamisco, holden at the house of Jonathan How, in Marlborough, on Tuesday the ninth day of April, 1728, pursuant to a warrant from the Hon. John Chandler, Esq., bearing date March 22, 1727-8, the following notes were made and passed by the major part of the proprietors present at said meeting, viz., Edward Goddard was chosen moderator of the said meeting for the day.

Mr. Jonathan Rice was chosen clerk for the proprietors, to enter and record all notes and orders, from time to time, as shall be made and passed in said proprietors' meetings.

*Voted*, That there be a committee of three persons chosen by the proprietors to take a survey of the plantation of Hassanamisco, and the tracts of land formerly disposed of within the same, agreeable to the grants of the General Court, and to find out and state the center plot of the plantation.

*Voted*, One of the committee aforesaid be of Marlborough, one of Concord, one of Sudbury or Stow. Captain Brigham of Marlborough, Mr. John Hunt of Concord, and Mr. Richard Taylor of Sudbury, were chosen the committee.

The English inhabitants already settled upon the lands of Hassanamisco, who were present at the above said meeting, consenting to join with the other proprietors of the undivided land there in concluding upon the place where the meeting-house shall be set for the said plantation.

*Voted*, That the meeting-house shall be placed and set up at, or upon, the center of the said plantation, in case the land at the center be accommodable; otherwise, at the nearest accommodable to the center, to be determined by vote of the major part of the proprietors.

*Voted*, Four acres of land at or near the meeting-house place, be sequestered and laid down for the accommodation of the meeting-house, and for a burying place and training field.

*Voted*, The considerations of the dimensions of the meeting-house and school-house, as also the time when to proceed to build the same, be referred to consideration at the next meeting or assembling of the proprietors.

*Voted*, The school-house shall be set or placed upon some part of the four acres of land which shall be laid out for the meeting-house, etc.

*Voted*, A committee be appointed to consider of some regular method which may be agreeable to the opinion of the trustees for Hassanamisco Indians, for the setting out of the lands reserved for them, and lay out the same accordingly; also to lay out a lot for the minister, and another for the schoolmaster, and to report what private highways are of present necessity, and where and how to be stated; which committee shall be likewise empowered to lay out and equalize the lots of land and meadow in Hassanamisco, for the first division, in manner following, viz.: In eighty lots of upland, each lot containing forty acres (with necessary allowance for quality), and also to equalize the lots of meadow after the same manner, so preparing the several allotments in two parcels of upland and two pieces of meadow to each proprietor for a lot or draught.

*Voted*, That three persons, and no more, be employed as a committee for the ends aforesaid. Capt. Nathan Brigham, Mr. John Hunt and Mr. Richard Taylor, were chosen a committee for the ends aforesaid. Also, further voted that the committee be desired and empowered to provide a surveyor and chain men, and likewise to put a man in the place of any one of themselves, in case of sickness, lameness, or the like.

*Voted*, That the sum of twenty shillings be paid by each proprietor, to be collected and paid into the hands of the treasurer of the said proprietors, within the space of one month next coming, for and towards the defraying of the future necessary charges of the proprietors, and to be paid out of the treasury as the society shall, from time to time, vote and agree.

*Voted*, That the clerk of the proprietors, upon application to him made by any five or more of the proprietors,



may direct and order a meeting and meetings, from time to time, of the proprietors, by posting up in writing as well in the towns of Concord, Marlborough and Stow, as in the plantation of Hassanamisco, the occasion for such meeting, and the time when, and the place where, said meeting shall be attended, fourteen days beforehand.

The meeting adjourned to the house of Nehemiah How, in Hassanamisco, April 19, 1728.\*

During this year a number of settlements were made, consisting principally of the children of the proprietors; the common was laid out; the meeting-house contracted for, and a site for a mill agreed upon. Another division of land was made a few years after; but it was not all appropriated till about seventy-five years ago.

August 28, 1729, the trustees, Phipps, Goddard and Curtis, rendered their account, which was accepted, and they were discharged of the sum of £217, 14s. accordingly.

September 25, 1730, John Sherman, Phineas Rice and Jonas Houghton petitioned, in behalf of the English purchasers and settlers at Hassanamisco, praying the court to explain whether it was intended to oblige them to defray the expenses of laying out the land, and it was ordered that the English purchasers ought to pay the whole charge of surveying and laying out the lands.†

The meeting-house was erected in 1730, and the school-house in the following year. The settlement continued to increase in population and prosperity. The petition presented to the General Court to incorporate the township, was signed by all but two or three of the inhabitants of the place, and was presented on the 15th of April, 1735. It does not appear that the petitioners selected the name of the town. They asked merely for town privileges, and were

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\*Proprietors' Records.

†Colonial Records.



willing to leave so unimportant a matter as a name to the General Court. On the same day that the petition was presented, permission was granted to bring in a bill, which passed its several readings in the House of Representatives, and was sent to the Council. It soon passed that body, and on the 18th of April, O. S., was signed by Governor Belcher, in presence of both branches of the General Court.

"I have had considerable curiosity in reference to the origin of the present name.\* I find that various principles governed in the selection of names for the new towns. Early, the towns were named after places in the old country—not always, however, out of any particular affection for the places thus honored. For example,† the battle of Worcester was, what is quaintly termed, Cromwell's 'crowning mercy,' and so the name was chosen for our neighboring city in defiance of the king. From 1724 a custom arose of complimenting distinguished Englishmen, who were friendly to the colonies, by naming towns for them.‡ Up to 1732 it was the custom for the incorporators to select the names, but after that period the acts of incorporation passed both houses of the Legislature in blank, and the name was inserted by the Governor.§ So Grafton is indebted to Governor Belcher for its name. Charles Fitz Roy, Duke of Grafton, was a member of the Privy Council. He was a grandson of Charles II., and held many high offices." According to Bancroft, October, 1775, "The Duke of Grafton hastened to court and complained of the violent, injudicious and impracticable schemes of the ministers, framed in a misconception of the resources of the colonies; and he added: 'Deluded themselves, they are deluding your majesty.' The king debated the business at large; but

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\*Oration by Rev. E. Frank Howe, July 4, 1876, pp. 20, 21.

†Essay on names of towns in Mass., by Wm. Henry Whitmore, p. 16.

‡Ibid., p. 7. §Ibid., pp. 19, 20.

when he announced that a numerous body of German troops was to join the British forces, Grafton answered earnestly: ‘Your majesty will find too late that twice the number will only increase the disgrace, and never effect the purpose.’”



DUKE OF GRAFTON.

*[From an English Print.]*

## CHAPTER THIRD.

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THE land purchased of the Indians included seven thousand five hundred acres. This land was divided among the proprietors at three different stated times. The following gives the number of acres each proprietor received, and the date of the receipt :—

May 9, 1728, Samuel Brigham's lots of upland and meadow in the west range, 40 acres.

May 9, 1728, Heirs of Moses Printer, west side of Black Stones River, 4 acres.

March 9, 1729, Samuel Brigham, 19 acres.

March 29, 1729, Samuel Brigham, 2 acres and 126 rods.

April 28, 1728, John Warrin, 44 acres.

November 22, 1728, John Warrin, 13 acres, 2nd division.

May 3, 1728, Ebenezer Wheeler, 41 acres.

September 29, 1731, Ebenezer Wheeler, 6 acres and 65 rods.

September 30, 1731, Ebenezer Wheeler, 1 acre and 125 rods.

September 28, 1731, Ebenezer Wheeler, 11 acres and 138 rods.

November 21, 1729, Ebenezer Wheeler, 7 acres and 143 rods.

October 17, 1737, Ebenezer Wheeler, 14 acres and 140 rods.

May 8, 1728, Samuel Bigelow, 40 acres and 20 rods.

May 8, 1728, Samuel Bigelow, 4 acres.

May 2, 1728, Samuel Bigelow, 42 acres and 130 rods.

November, 1728, Samuel Bigelow, 17 acres and 20 rods.

May 24, 1729, Samuel Bigelow, 3 acres and 140 rods.

June 13, 1729, Samuel Bigelow, 6 acres.

September 2, 1729, Samuel Bigelow, 2 acres and 50 rods.

May 7, 1728, Phineas Rice, 40 acres and 20 rods.

- May 7, 1728, Phineas Rice, 4 acres.  
May 11, 1728, Phineas Rice, 51 acres.  
May 15, 1729, Phineas Rice, 5 acres and 20 rods.  
June 26, 1728, Phineas Rice.  
October 29, 1729, Phineas Rice, 5 acres.  
May 4, 1728, Joseph Willard, 41 acres and 140 rods.  
October, 1728, Joseph Willard, 48 acres.  
December 31, 1728, Joseph Willard, 21 acres and 100 rods.  
May 15, 1729, Joseph Willard, 6 acres.  
June 16, 1729, Joseph Willard, 1 acre and 16 rods.  
April 27, 1728, John Collers, 40 acres.  
1728, John Collers, 4 acres.  
October, 1728, John Collers, 46 acres and 20 rods.  
October 17, 1728, John Collers.  
June 26, 1729, John Collers, 9 acres.  
June, 1729, John Collers, 26 acres.  
June 27, 1729, John Collers, 7 acres.  
October 31, 1732, Joseph Willard, 4 acres and 10 rods.  
June 27, 1729, Joseph Willard, 2 acres and 7 rods.  
1729, Joseph Willard, 4 acres.  
1729, Joseph Willard, 4 acres.  
May 3, 1728, Jonathan Rice, 41 acres and 20 rods.  
May 3, 1728, Jonathan Rice, 4 acres.  
October, 1728, Jonathan Rice, 55 acres.  
November, 1728, Jonathan Rice, 20 acres.  
May 16, 1736, Phineas Rice, 12 acres.  
May 3, 1728, Nathan Brigham, 40 acres.  
1728, Nathan Brigham, 4 acres.  
May 9, 1728, Nathan Brigham, 55 acres.  
May, 1728, Nathan Brigham, 4 acres.  
November 21, 1728, Nathan Brigham, 17 acres.  
December 25, 1733, Jonathan Adams, 14 acres.  
January 10, 1743, Eleazer Fletcher, 2 rods.  
April 25, 1728, Thomas Pratt, 40 acres.  
April 25, 1728, Thomas Pratt, 5 acres meadow.  
May 14, 1728, Thomas Pratt, 59 acres.  
May 14, 1728, Thomas Pratt, 4 acres meadow.  
November 2, 1728, Thomas Pratt, 15 acres.  
May 23, 1729, Thomas Pratt, 20 acres.  
September 27, 1731, Thomas Pratt, 6 acres and 10 rods.  
May 3, 1728, John Sherman, 41 acres and 20 rods.  
May 3, 1728, John Sherman, Brook meadow.  
June 17, 1729, John Sherman, 26 acres and 30 rods interval.  
November, 1728, John Sherman, 6 acres and 40 rods.  
November, 1728, John Sherman, 10 acres and 72 rods interval.  
May 13, 1729, John Sherman, 9 acres and 20 rods.

- June 17, 1729, John Sherman, 10 acres.  
 May 2, 1728, John Davis, 40 acres and 20 rods.  
 April 27, 1728, John Davis, 52 acres and 30 rods.  
 January 13, 1729, John Davis, 7 acres and 20 rods to Isaac Chace.  
 December 30, 1728, John Davis, 26 acres.  
 June 11, 1733, John Davis, 25 acres and 30 rods to Isaac Temple.  
 October 26, 1737, John Davis, 3 acres and 20 rods to Isaac Temple.  
 May 10, 1728, Simon Gates, 41 acres and 10 rods.  
 May 10, 1728, Simon Gates, 4 acres.  
 May 11, 1728, Simon Gates, 56 acres.  
 April 16, 1733, Simon Gates, 5 acres to Mark Batchelder.  
 May 14, 1731, Simon Gates, 12 acres and 139 rods to Samuel Dudley and Phineas Rice.  
 June 12, 1731, Simon Gates, Jr., 14 acres and 67 rods to Samuel Dudley.  
 May 9, 1728, Capt. William Rogers, 51 acres.  
 May 9, 1728, Capt. William Rogers, 4 acres pine meadow.  
 April 26, 1728, Capt. William Rogers, 44 acres.  
 April 26, 1728, Capt. William Rogers, 4 acres brook meadow.  
 June 27, 1729, Capt. William Rogers, 15 acres.  
 December 30, 1728, Capt. William Rogers, 6 acres and 30 rods.  
 June 12, 1731, Capt. William Rogers, 12 acres and 75 rods.  
 May 4, 1728, Capt. James Watson, 42 acres.  
 May 4, 1728, Capt. James Watson, 4 acres Mercy meadow.  
 May 7, 1728, Capt. James Watson, 42 acres and 150 rods.  
 May 7, 1728, Capt. James Watson, broad meadow.  
 November 21, 1728, Capt. James Watson, 23 acres and 20 rods.  
 March 25, 1729, Capt. James Watson, 20 acres and 30 rods.  
 May 1, 1728, David Herrington, 45 acres.  
 May 1, 1728, David Herrington, 2 acres.  
 June 7, 1728, David Herrington, 56 acres and 20 rods.  
 April 11, 1745, David Herrington, 20 acres and 120 rods.  
 December 2, 1729, David Herrington, 28 acres and 39 rods.  
 May 3, 1728, John Hunt, 145 acres and 179 rods.  
 April 25, 1728, Benjamin Barrett, 131½ acres.\*  
 December 21, 1733, Joseph Allen, 13 acres.  
 May 14, 1728, Samuel Chandler, 136 acres and 150 rods.  
 April 21, 1733, Benjamin Goddard, 30 acres.  
 May 10, 1728, Samuel Stow, 177 acres and 39 rods.  
 May 9, 1728, Zerubbable Eager, 125 acres and 90 rods.  
 May 3, 1728, Samuel Hall, 133 acres.  
 May 21, 1733, Nehemiah How, 5 acres.  
 May 7, 1728, Benjamin Willard, 148½ acres.  
 May 3, 1728, Jonathan Morse, 94 acres and 183 rods.

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\*Date of receipt of first division.



April 25, 1728, John Jones, 146 acres.  
 May 25, 1728, Jonas Houghton, 150 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres.  
 May 20, 1747, James Miller, 4 acres.  
 May 30, 1747, Nathaniel Whitmore, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres.  
 May 8, 1728, Joseph Rice, 128 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres.  
 May 7, 1728, Joseph Barretts, 121 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres.  
 April 26, 1728, Widow Elizabeth Herrington, 131 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres.  
 May 3, 1728, Jacob Taylor, 108 acres.  
 October 28, 1729, Joseph Merriam, 42 acres.  
 May 3, 1728, Capt. Richard Taylor, 168 acres.  
 May 9, 1728, Charles Brigham, 122 acres.  
 April 26, 1729, Simon Gates, Sen., 132 acres.  
 September 2, 1729, John Warrings, 11 acres.  
 September 2, 1729, Thomas Brigham, 29 acres.  
 November 12, 1728, Phineas Rice, 33 acres.  
 May 17, 1729, Christian Misco,† 4 acres.  
 May 17, 1729, Joshua George,† 4 acres.  
 September 3, 1729, John Sherman, 32 acres.  
 September 15, 1731, Jonathan Adams, 16 acres.  
 May 10, 1728, Nathaniel Hapgood, 117 acres.  
 May 15, 1729, Thomas Weeks, 124 acres.  
 March 2, 1738, John Coller, 20 acres.  
 May 10, 1728, William Rogers, Jr., 76 acres.  
 July 16, 1729, James Leland, 20 acres.  
 May 9, 1728, Eleazer Flagg, 121 acres.  
 May 3, 1728, Nathaniel Wilders, 103 acres.  
 November 17, 1734, Charles Brigham, 90 acres.  
 April 26, 1728, Jeremiah Bestows, 80 acres.  
 May 14, 1731, Samuel Dudley, 25 acres.  
 May 14, 1731, Elisha Gates, 28 acres in right of his father.  
 September 27, 1731, Thomas Pratt, 27 acres.  
 September 29, 1731, Jonathan Hall, 25 acres.  
 October 28, 1729, Joseph Rice, 9 acres.  
 March 3, 1744, Eleazer Fletcher, 7 acres.  
 February 26, 1740, Ami Printer, Jr., 262 acres.  
 February 22, 1740, Christian Misco, 348 acres.  
 February 21, 1740, Andrew Abraham, 87 acres.  
 May 9, 1728, Peter Muckamaug, 183 acres.  
 May 1, 1728, Moses Printer's heirs, 170 acres.  
 April 30, 1728, Abimaleck David, 23 acres in right of A. Abraham.  
 November 6, 1738, Rev. Solomon Prentice, 14 acres.

The following data was copied from the Proprietors' Records, and shows what business, if any, was transacted at each meeting :—

April 19, 1728.—The meeting was held at the house of Nehemiah How, in Hassanamisco, and the proprietors adjourned to the center of the land in order to fix and state the particular spot whereon the meeting-house should be erected. Upon viewing the place determined for the center by the surveyor, it was found not commodious. Another place was finally fixed upon, and it was decided to fix the spot for the meeting-house near a white oak tree. Captain Willard, Mr. Samuel Biglo, Jonathan Rice and Eleazer Flagg were added to the meeting-house committee before chosen, to lay out and equalize the lots of land and meadow, the whole committee to be employed therein when it appears to them necessary and beneficial to forward the work, and at other times a part thereof only, as they see cause, and the committee to employ another surveyor to assist and help forward the surveying and apportioning the said land and meadows.

July 9, 1728.—The proprietors held a meeting in Sudbury, at the house of Jonathan Rice, and chose Mr. Samuel Biglo, Samuel Chandler, Samuel Hall, Capt. Benjamin Willard and Jonas Houghton, a committee to take charge of the building of the meeting-house. Captain Willard, Capt. Nathan Brigham and Mr. John Sherman, were chosen a committee to view suitable places for a mill or mills, and to agree with persons to set up and build the same upon their cost, who shall set up the same for the advantage of Hassanamisco.

October 3, 1728.—Whereas, Capt. Benjamin Willard, of Hassanamisco, Capt. Nathan Brigham, Mr. John Sherman, both of Marlborough, being chosen a committee to view places for a saw-mill or mills in Hassanamisco, by the proprietors of the same, as may appear by a vote more largely, and to agree with a person or persons to build said mill or mills for the advantage of Hassanamisco. The above said do agree with Mr. Ebenezer Wheeler, of Concord, Mr.

William Rogers, of Wenham, and John Davis, of Ipswich, and Simon Willard, of said Hassanamisco, equally to them and their respective heirs, the use and benefit of, or at, a certain stream which is running into a river called the Black Stones River, to build or erect a mill or mills, or dam or dams upon, as occasion may be, so long as the said persons shall continue a mill or mills on said stream, and to have all privileges and conveniences for said mill or mills, as occasion shall serve, during said terms. And in case that the said mill or mills cease being continued on said stream for the space of three years at any time, then the privileges to be forfeited and to be at the dispose of said proprietors; and the said persons above mentioned do promise to build a mill or mills so as to go to the next season, 1729, and the said persons or their heirs shall have free liberty to dig generally for the said mill or mills, as occasion shall serve, in any of the undivided lands, or dam or dams. It is to be understood that the privileges above mentioned shall extend to the mill or mills, or stream, no further than the undivided lands that is, or shall be. The committee above said to stake out lands convenient for the accommodating of said mill or mills.

EBENEZER WHEELER.

WILLIAM ROGERS.

JOHN DAVIS.

SIMEON WILLARD.

BENJAMIN WILLARD.

JOHN SHERMAN.

NATHAN BRIGHAM.

The land laid out for the mill was as follows: Below Moses Printer's land, and beginning at a pine tree on the south side of the river, near Lieutenant Brigham's meadow; thence southeasterly to a marked pine tree and southerly to a stake; thence about westerly to a marked maple tree by the river; thence northerly to a dead pine; thence to the point first named; about five acres.

November 5, 1728.—A meeting was held at the same place as the above. The committee on mills reported that they had agreed with Ebenezer Wheeler, William Rogers, John Davis and Simon Willard, to erect a mill or mills. A piece of land was sold to Henry Flint, Esq.

February 18, 1729.—The meeting was held at the house as above. The money due from Thomas Pratt, for his lands, was appropriated for the building of the meeting-house. Samuel Chandler was appointed to take charge of the bridges, and see they are maintained.

March 18, 1729.—This meeting was held in Concord, at the house of Jonathan Balls. John Sherman was added to the committee to take charge of the bridges. *Voted*, to build a school house.

May 20, 1729.—At Jonathan Rice's house, in Sudbury, Jonas Houghton was chosen to lay out the minister's second division of land. John Sherman and Zerubbable Eager were chosen to treat with Elisha Johnson about the land called the Eleven acres, where John Ward's house and barn stands.

January 6, 1730.—At the house of Jonathan Rice. *Voted*, to lay out three acres to each proprietor's thirty acres of land, for the third division. *Voted*, to raise seven pounds of money on each proprietor for the finishing of the meeting-house and school-house, the said money to be paid in two payments.

March 31, 1730.—*Voted*, to continue the preaching of the gospel here, and to support the same until June 1st. John Sherman and Thomas Drury were chosen to provide a minister.

May 21, 1730.—Joseph Willard was authorized to sell 4,472 feet of boards and make a return. Thomas Pratt was chosen to take charge of the minister's meadow. *Voted*, to lay out a road from John Ward's to the county road. Thomas Drury, Samuel Biglo and Phineas Rice were chosen

a committee to take charge of the raising of the meeting-house. *Voted*, to raise ten shillings on each proprietor to defray the expenses of raising.

March 19, 1731.—Meeting held in the meeting-house. *Voted*, to continue preaching till the third Tuesday in May. Phineas Rice, Samuel Cooper and Jonathan Morse were chosen a committee to provide for a minister.

May 18, 1731.—Thomas Pratt and James Lealand were chosen to provide a minister here until further orders.

June 23, 1731.—*Voted*, to go on and complete the meeting-house as speedily as may be, according to the best of our judgment and discretion, agreeable to the former vote, notwithstanding the difficulties arising by the decrees of Benjamin Rand. *Voted*, to hold a fast on the first Tuesday of September, in order to call and settle a minister among us. James Whipple and Thomas Drury were chosen a committee to go to some reverend elders to desire their assistance in carrying on the work of this day. Benjamin Willard, Zerubbable Eager, Ebenezer Wheeler, James Whipple, Phineas Rice, were chosen a committee to confer with some reverend ministers. *Voted*, to raise twenty shillings upon each proprietor for the support of the gospel and other necessary charges.

September, 1731.—*Voted*, to call Rev. Solomon Prentice for minister in the work of the gospel. *Voted*, to give ninety pounds passable money, or bills of publick credit, annually, for the support of Rev. Solomon Prentice, as money now passes from man to man, or as the valuation of money shall be from time to time, or as money rises and falls. Richard Taylor and Jonathan Rice were chosen a committee to wait upon Mr. Prentice and notify him of the call.

October 12, 1731.—*Voted*, to add ten pounds to the sum already named to the salary of Mr. Prentice, if he accepts.



November, 1731.—Isaac Barnard, Phineas Rice, Nathaniel Sherman, Thomas Drury, Jonathan Hall, were chosen to appoint a day for the ordination of Rev. Solomon Prentice. *Voted*, to raise twenty shillings on each proprietor to defray the expenses of ordination.

December 29, 1731.—“ We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, having been acquainted with Mr. Solomon Prentice, of Cambridge, in the County of Middlesex, in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, and know his qualifications for the gospel ministry, do approve and recommend him thereunto when it shall please God in his Providence to call him to engage in it, and heartily pray he may prove a blessing to the churches.

CALEB TROWBRIDGE.

NATHANIEL APPLETON.

EBENEZER PARKMAN.”

Accordingly, the Rev. Solomon Prentice was ordained pastor of a church of Christ in Hassanamisco.

March 20, 1732.—John Sherman, Samuel Chandler, Phineas Rice, were chosen a committee in behalf of the proprietors, to see if the Indians have their shares of lands equal with the others, and to make them equal if wanting, and they were to confer with the trustees for the Indians. Charles Brigham, Simon Gates and Samuel Stow were chosen collectors.

May 16, 1732.—Nehemiah How, Samuel Chandler and Jonas Houghton were chosen a committee to adjust the treasurer's accounts.

July 11, 1732.—It was voted not to grant any money to defray the charges of completing the meeting and school-houses. The following committee were chosen to seat the meeting-house: Thomas Drury for the nine English families, Zerubbable Eager, Ebenezer Wheeler, Phineas Rice, Richard Taylor, in behalf of the proprietors, and also to dispose of the pew rooms to their best judgment.

August 22, 1732.—*Voted*, to raise twenty shillings upon each proprietor towards the salary for Rev. Solomon Prentice, from December 29, 1731, to December 29, 1732.

March 27, 1733.—John Sherman and Joseph Willard were chosen a committee to act in behalf of the proprietors at the next Inferior Court, to be held at Worcester, to see that the bridges over Black Stones River be built and put in good repair from time to time, at the cost and charge of Elisha Johnson, or his successors, according to the act of the General Court. Nathaniel Sherman and Phineas Rice were chosen to examine the mason work of the meeting-house, and ascertain if the work was done in a workman-like manner and well.

June 12, 1733.—Charles Brigham, Nehemiah How, Dea. James Whipple, were chosen a committee to ascertain the difference between Isaac Temple and John Cotter, relative to their third division of land.

August 7, 1733.—Phineas Rice, Zerubbable Eager and Nehemiah How, were chosen a committee to make answer to the General Court in person, why the prayer of Capt. Elisha Johnson should not be granted. They were also chosen to confer with him according to their discretion. Note, that John Ward “decented” against the article of agreement with the said Johnson. *Voted*, to raise forty shillings on each proprietor to pay the salary of Rev. Solomon Prentice.

December 25, 1733.—Charles Brigham, David Herrington, Ebenezer Wheeler, were chosen collectors.

January 16, 1734.—*Voted*, to raise forty pounds to defray the necessary charge which effects the farmers *as well* as the proprietors. Col. John Chandler, of Worcester, Samuel Chandler, of Concord, and Jonathan Rice, of Sudbury, were chosen a committee to make Hassanamisco a town,

their expenses to be paid out of the public treasury. At this time the treasurer's account was rendered, and the amount raised was £1,043.

June 16, 1734.—Nehemiah How, John Sherman, Phineas Rice, were chosen a committee to discourse with Mr. Prentice respecting his salary.

September 12, 1734.—*Voted*, to give Mr. Prentice twenty pounds as a consideration of the value of bills of credit sinking. *Voted*, to raise one hundred and twenty pounds of bills of credit, as they now pass from man to man, to pay Mr. Prentice's salary.

November 26, 1734.—Thomas Pratt, John Sherman, John Hunt, were chosen collectors. Nathaniel Sherman, Joseph Willard, Thomas Pratt, were chosen a committee to stake out a burying place or field. Isaac Temple, Richard Taylor, Samuel Stow, were chosen to examine the school-house and see if it was built according to the order of the General Court. The two first collectors chosen refused to serve, and John Warring and Samuel Hall were chosen in their place to fill vacancies.

January 28, 1735.—The committee chosen to set out the land for the burying-place, were directed to stake out three acres, if to be found, and report.

*“In the House of Representatives, April y<sup>e</sup> 17, 1735:*

ORDERED, that Mr. Thomas Pratt, one of y<sup>e</sup> prisable inhabitants of the new town lately made, at the plantation called Hassanamisco, in y<sup>e</sup> County of Worcester, be, and hereby is, fully authorized and empowered to assemble the freeholders and other qualified voters to make choice of town officers, to stand until the anniversary meeting in March next.

Sent up for concurrence.

J. QUINCY, *Speaker.*

*In Council, April y<sup>e</sup> 18, 1735 :*

Read and concurred.

T. MASON, *Dep. Sect'y.*

A true copy. Consented to.

J. BELCHER.

Examined.

THAD. MASON, *Dep. Sect'y.*"

January 11, 1736.—The committee chosen to confer with Capt. Elisha Johnson in relation to the two bridges over the Blackstone River, reported they accepted the said bridges, and received one bond for fifty pounds in behalf of the said proprietors. The report was accepted.

December 28, 1736.—Isaac Temple was chosen collector. John Sherman, Samuel Stow, Phineas Rice, were chosen a committee to take charge of the highways and lay out any that were necessary.

The following is a copy of a deed from the proprietors' committee, chosen to lay out the lands, to an individual proprietor:—

“MARCH 29, 1729.

Laid out for Samuel Brigham two acres and one hundred and twenty-six rods of land in Hassanamisco, for allowance for a highway through said Brigham land. It lies in the lower end of the swamp, which is next to Drury's farm. It bounds northeasterly by the river, southwesterly partly by the river, southeast and northeasterly by common. It begins at a stake at the river by the north side of a spring hole that runs into said river, and runs east thirty deg. north twenty rods to a stake, then north thirty deg. west

twenty rods, and then it runs by said river mostly to where it first began.

Surveyed by

JONAS HOUGHTON.

This part allowed for a highway.

THOMAS PRATT, }  
JOSEPH WILLARD, } *Committee.*

A true copy from the Proprietors' Records.

*Attest.*

THADDEUS READ, *Proprietor's Clerk.*"

We now come to the period when this place became a town under its present name. The act of incorporation put the inhabitants under the same obligations to support schooling and preaching, free of charge for the Indians, which the original proprietors had been under, and when the property was conveyed to the town it was upon condition that the town should relieve the proprietors from their obligations to the trustees for the Indians.\* But the bond for that purpose was not given until 1773,† or nearly thirty-five years after the property was conveyed to the town. There is too much reason to fear that this unaccountable and inexcusable neglect is indicative of the loose manner in which the business relating to the Indians was generally conducted. Unfortunately the record in relation to the Indians is not altogether such as we could desire, though perhaps the State authorities are more at fault than the officers of the town. The price paid for the land, £2,500, was held by trustees appointed by the State, in trust for the Indians. Of this sum, which the State received in gold and silver coin, \$1,330.89 were lost by substituting therefor depreciated paper currency in 1745. Between the years 1772 and 1796, the trustees having permitted one of their number to become indebted to the fund, on his own personal obligation,

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\* Proprietors' Records, p. 91. † Ibid., p. 141.



to the amount of \$1,327.49½, this sum was lost. And then prior to July, 1841, the small remnant of the fund, together with some that had been added by sale of other land, was invested in "such securities that neither principal nor interest was ever paid." It certainly seems as if the descendants of these Indians have good ground of complaint against somebody.

There is a tradition in reference to the first white man who spent a winter in the town. I have not learned either the name of the man, or the time when he was here,\* but he is said to have come from Marlborough for the purpose of wintering some cattle upon the hay which had been cut from the meadows in what is known as "The Farms."† His hut was built near the present residence of Mr. Seth J. Axtell, and under the shelter of a large rock, which is plainly visible from the road. And now that I am speaking of the first white man owning land, and of the first white man spending a winter here, it will be of interest to know that the mother of the first white child born here lies in the old burying ground. A few years since Capt. Benjamin Kingsbury cleared off the old tombstone, and learned from the inscription upon it that Mrs. Martha Willard was the wife of Major Joseph Willard, and the mother of the first white child born in town; that she died June 3, 1794, in the 100th year of her age, leaving twelve children, ninety grandchildren, two hundred and twenty-six great-grandchildren, and fifty-three of the fifth generation. Some of the latter, as well as of the sixth and seventh generations, and probably of the eighth, are still living in town, and more are scattered elsewhere. So far the command to "be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth," was fulfilled in her case.

The course pursued by the proprietors shows that they

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\* Rev. E. Frank Howe's Oration, pp. 11, 12.

† This district derives its name from the fact that it was originally the farm of a single proprietor.

held their land, particularly the low swamp land, at a most extravagant estimate. They were continually haunted with fears that they should not have land enough; and that the time would soon come when no more could be obtained. It was, therefore, an object with all to get as much within their grasp as possible; and he who had the most meadow or swamp land thought he had the best farm, and gloried in the idea that he should be able to leave so valuable an inheritance to his children. Nor did they place a less value on their wood. The very first year of the settlement, when the place was comparatively a wilderness, a committee was appointed to prevent the cutting of wood and timber on the common lands, as though their value would thereby be diminished, or the interests of the proprietors injured!

In 1738, Samuel Chandler and others petitioned the General Court, styling themselves "a committee for and in the behalf of the original proprietors of Hassanamisco," and asking that they be released from their bond to maintain preaching and schooling for the Indians. The following year, December, 1739, the town sent in a petition, through their attorney, William Brattle, Esq., of Boston, as follows:—

*"To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq., Captain General and Governor-in-Chief, to the Honorable His Majesty's Council and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, the 15th of December, 1739.*

The petition of the proprietors and the town of Grafton sheweth that on the 30th of May last there was a petition preferred to this honorable court, signed by Samuel Chandler and others, as they styled themselves a committee for and in the behalf of the original proprietors of Hassanamisco, complaining of said town for that they prefer to remove the Indians out of their seats, etc. Wherefore they

pray that they may be released from their bond to maintain preaching and schooling for the Indians. As to which petition the proprietors and town of Grafton beg leave to say: That said committee was chose a year and a half ago, not to complain of the town as they have done, but upon another affair, and therefore they had no right so to do, doing it of their own hands, and not 'probond' that they therein acted the minds of the proprietors of the town of Grafton. That as soon as the proprietors heard what the committee had done, they called a meeting and dismissed said committee, and on the 20th of last October voted that the petition should be withdrawn (by the court's leave), as by the report. By which the said proprietors and town do not by any means propose to hurt the Indians or original proprietors, but are sincerely desirous that both may be served, and that all the good ends and purposes designed by the General Court, relating to the Indians, might be fully answered.

Wherefore the town of Grafton, December 3d, voted that they would forever hereafter perform and accomplish all and singular, the obligations which the first proprietors were bound to, respecting the maintenance of preaching and schooling for the Indians, and that they would do both for them and their posterity forever, without their being put to the least cost or charge. The case being thus, it appears plain to a demonstration that your petitioners have no desire to evade the force of any act or order, made in favor of the Indians, but are desirous that the town might have that burden laid upon them, which at present lays upon the original grantees, and that they may be under the severest penalties if they do not, in any punctilio, perform their duty to the Indians, both for their souls and bodies. As to the controversy between the old proprietors and the new, or between the proprietors and the town, respecting pews, this is a matter respecting property, and therefore only cognizable in the common law courts. There are two questions arising :

First.—Whether this honorable court will sustain the petition of Mr. Chandler and others any longer, or act anything further upon it? Your petitioners apprehend you will not, because they are dismissed from acting as a committee, and that as soon as the proprietors knew of their petitioning in their names, and on their behalf, they legally met and voted that with the court's leave the petition should be withdrawn, though both old and new proprietors and town are desirous that the former may be discharged of their bonds as aforesaid.

The second question is, whether it will not answer every good, and as well, if not better for the town, to take all that upon themselves which were enjoined the first proprietors? Your petitioners apprehend, in the first place, that it may prevent contention between the town proprietors and Indians, which ought always to be left off before it be meddled with. Secondly.—The town are as able to perform said obligation as the proprietors, and it seems most natural that since they lived upon the spot and owned the lands themselves, that they should perform the obligations that were annexed to the land, or rather sprang from it, and should the town fail in their duty, it is more easy to oblige them to do it than it is a number of scattered proprietors, all over this province. Since, then, it is the united desire of the old proprietors, the new proprietors and the town of Grafton, that the burden laid upon the former might be taken off from their shoulders and put upon the latter, your petitioners pray that the bonds given by the old proprietors may be cancelled, and that the town might do and perform all that was enjoined said proprietors, and as in duty bound shall ever pray.

WM. BRATTLE, Attorney."

The following petition was presented to the General Court by Ebenezer Cutler, Obadiah Newton, Noah Brooks,



David Reed, inhabitants of Shrewsbury; Amos Davis, Sutton; Thomas Pratt, Joseph Willard, Charles Brigham, Abner Stow, selectmen of Grafton; Joseph Willard, Aaron Hardy, Ebenezer Brooks, of Grafton, and owners of the land referred to below, and granted November 28, 1741:—

*“ To His Excellency WILLIAM SHIRLEY, Esq., Captain General and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty’s Province of the Massachusetts Bay, in New England.*

*To the Honorable His Majesty’s Council and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled.*

The petition of Ebenezer Cutler and sundry other inhabitants of Shrewsbury, in Worcester County, in New England, Amos Davis, of Sutton, in conjunction with the town of Grafton, humbly sheweth. May it please your Excellency and Honorables: Whereas, upon consideration of the great distance some of your petitioners subscribed hereunto dwell from the place of publick worship in the respective towns they belong unto, we, the inhabitants of Shrewsbury, made our application to said town praying that they would consider our case and vote us off from them, that we might be in a way to get annexed with the town of Grafton, nigh unto which we dwell, and with great conveniency can attend the public worship of God there, and accordingly do, and have done, almost ever since it has been maintained, there being nothing abated in our dues or taxes at Shrewsbury, which prayer the town was pleased to grant, as appears of record on the town records at Shrewsbury.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray, together with the town of Grafton, that your petitioners, with their lands, according to the vote and procedure of the town of Shrewsbury, as also all that strip or point of Sutton lands that lay between said Shrewsbury and Grafton, which is about two miles and a half from Grafton meeting-house, and about



eight miles from Sutton, on which only Amos Davis lives, the chief of which is now possessed by said Davis and the inhabitants of Grafton, who are also petitioners and subscribers hereunto, or as much thereof as this honorable court, in their great wisdom, shall see meet, may be taken off from Shrewsbury and Sutton and annexed to Grafton, which will exceedingly commodate us and lay us under the strongest obligations of gratitude and obedience. And your petitioners, with the greatest alacrity, as in duty bound, shall ever pray, etc."

Some will undoubtedly be surprised to learn that negro slavery ever existed in this town ; yet such is the fact. At what time slaves were first brought here is not known ; but in 1756, six of the eighty-eight slaves, of sixteen years of age and upwards, then belonging to the County of Worcester, were owned by persons resident here. As this was the period when slaves were the most numerous in Massachusetts, it is probable that this number did not afterwards increase. Two or three of these slaves went into the service in the French war ; and one of them acted as trumpeter, in which art he is said to have excelled.

After the close of the French war, another period of prosperity followed. This town, like the rest of New England, gradually recovered from the shock it then received. Canada was conquered, and peace was established. The fears which had so long been entertained from that quarter ceased to be felt ; and the whole people appeared to enjoy a security that they had never before realized. Their attention was again turned to the cultivation of the soil, and the development of their own resources. Agriculture increased ; manufactures received a new impulse ; and commerce again revived. But in this period of repose, they did not forget the art of war. The new race of soldiers, then growing up, imbibed the military spirit which constant war had so long cherished. This was but an armistice,

during which the people recovered from former losses and misfortunes, and made preparations for the emergency, soon to arrive, when they were to meet in deadly conflict with those whom, before, they had called upon for aid and protection.

The course pursued by the British government towards the colonies, produced a strong and universal feeling of discontent; and the early and manly resistance of the people of Boston to aggression, met with the approbation of the people throughout the Province. In the great contest, which severed this country from the British dominions, the people of this town were not idle spectators, but felt in it a strong and deep interest. The losses and sufferings endured in the French war were still fresh in their memories; yet this did not serve to abate their spirit, but made them more tenacious of their rights, and caused them to place a higher value on their privileges.

In 1765, there were fourteen Indians in town. This number gradually diminished; but it was not till about 1825 that the "last of the Nipmucks" ceased to exist. They received their yearly income from their fund in the month of May, at which time they usually had a joyous holiday. Blankets, psalters and psalm-books, were distributed among them, as well as money.

In 1830, there were fourteen of a mixed Indian and negro race, which still held some of the Indian lands and received the benefit of the small remaining fund.

From 1773 nothing of peculiar importance occurred in the civil history of the town for a number of years. It continued gradually to increase in wealth and population. The enterprising character of its inhabitants, united with an untiring industry, soon erected for them convenient dwellings, and brought into view, on every side, cultivated fields, and each one enjoyed to the fullest extent the benefit of his labors, and seemed almost to realize his fondest hope—that of being the owner of a large and well cultivated farm.

The people were no longer contented merely with the necessities, but began to seek for the luxuries of life. The log hut disappeared; and the spacious fire-place, and the almost fathomless oven, were found in every man's habitation.

This state of prosperity continued till the beginning of the Revolutionary war, when again, as at the time of the French war, the population diminished, and a season of reverses followed.

The following is a copy of a petition relative to the laying out of the "Grafton road," so called, from Grafton to Upton, August 25, 1764:—

"WORCESTER, SS.

*Anno Regni Regis Georgi Y<sup>e</sup> Secundus Magna Brittanne Framecae et Hibernia Quarto.*

At a Court of General Sessions of the Peace, held at Worcester, within and for the County of Worcester, on the third Tuesday of August, being the 25th day of said month, *Anno Domini 1764.*

The committee appointed at the last session, upon the petition of sundry persons, inhabitants of the town of Mendon, to lay out a county road from Grafton to Mr. Peter Holbrook's mill, in Upton, by the house of Samuel Warins to Ebenezer Wheeler's, etc., made report to this court that pursuant to their orders they notified all persons interested, and having met, and after a full hearing viewed, marked, and laid out said road, as follows: Beginning at Peter Holbrook's mill, at Upton, at a large rock the northerly side of said road, then as the fence now stands to a causeway between the said mill and the house of John Hewzeltine, Esq.; thence as the fence now stands to a heap of stones near said Hewzeltine's; bourne thence to a heap of stones by a stone wall; and thence as the wall now stands to a maple tree marked in David Wood's land; thence to a small poplar; thence to a heap of stones on a rock to a

heap of stones to the northerly side of said Wood's house; thence to a walnut; thence to an oak; thence to a white oak; thence to a wall in Grafton; thence to an oak; thence to an oak; thence to an oak in Hezekiah Ward's land; thence to a maple; then to a walnut; then to a white oak; then to a black oak; then to a heap of stones; then to a black oak, west side of said Ward's house, to a large rock in the wall; then turning out of the town road more westerly, to a heap of stones on a large rock; then to a red oak, near the line of said Ward's and Benjamin Thurston's land, to a walnut; to a heap of stones; to a heap of stones; to stones on a rock; to a heap of stones; to a black oak; to stones round a small white oak bush on the Indian burying-place; then to a white oak; then to a small oak; then to a small black oak; then to a white oak; then to an oak; then to a black oak in Joseph Goodale's land; then to a black oak; then to a heap of stones between Joseph Goodale and Ebenezer Wheeler's land; then to a heap of stones on a rock; then to a heap of stones by the corner of said Wheeler's stone wall; then to a heap of stones near said Wheeler's house; then running by the south side of said Wheeler's corn-house into the town road, and from thence in the town road until it meets the county road, near the house of Josiah Rawson in the said road, to be three rods wide except from the causeway between Peter Holbrook's and John Hewzeltine, Esq.'s, barn-yard, to be but two rods wide; and also one other piece of said road, between Ebenezer Wheeler's house and Hezekiah Taylor's house, to be as the fence now stands, and the above marks and bounds are all on the northerly side of said road, as by said report on file appears. Read and accepted, and ordered that the road aforesaid, as laid out and described by said committee, be ——— and after known for a publick highway.

The said committee further report, that having considered and estimated the damages the several persons sustain by

having said road laid through their land, excepting such as have freely given the same, as follows, viz.:—

To Benjamin Thurston, sixteen pounds.

“ Joseph Goodale, three pounds.

“ Ebenezer Wheeler, eight pounds.

Total, twenty-seven pounds.

It is therefore further ordered, that the town of Grafton pay the aforesaid sums to the said Benjamin Thurston, Joseph Goodale and Ebenezer Wheeler, in full for the damages sustained by them, by means of said road being laid out through their lands.\*

TIMOTHY PAINE, *Clerk*.

Signed by

BENJA. THURSTON, JR.”

†April 10, 1758.—Ebenezer Wheeler, Jr., enlisted to go to Canada, and on the 23d he marched to Worcester, and returned home on the 5th of November.

April 2, 1759.—Ebenezer and Jonathan Wheeler enlisted to go to Canada; on the 10th they marched for the Lake; Jonathan returned November 27th, but poor Ebenezer went away with Rogers, September 13th, and never returned.

May 5, 1761.—Then there was a terrible storm of snow, and the snow came of considerable depth, and it was a very extraordinary time, for the plum trees were all in blow, and some apple trees and peach trees were blowed. But the snow went all off the next day, and the water run like little rivers on the ground.

July 6, 1766.—James Wheeler enlisted in Joseph Warrins' company, and arrived in New York, August 1st. On the

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\* This road was known as Grafton road.

† These thirteen items were copied from the book now in possession of Hon. Jonathan D. Wheeler, which was kept by Col. Jonathan Wheeler.



20th of August he was drafted out to go to Bennington, and on the 22d he marched, and on the 25th arrived home with the other Grafton men, for they were not wanted. He again enlisted September 27, 1777, and marched to Stillwater.

September 2, 1774.—Then Grafton was rallied, with other towns, to go to Boston on the account of the powder is being taken away by the Regulars; also September 6th, the people were all rallied again to go to Worcester, on account of the Torrymen and of the court's setting.

April 19, 1775.—This day James Wheeler marched, with many more from Grafton, to go to Cambridge, for they were distressed there with an army of Regulars, and these men from Grafton marched all night, neither did they give sleep to their eyes nor slumber to their eyelids that night. It is a night much to be remembered.

May 19, 1775.—James Wheeler was in the Continental army just one month, being discharged on this date.

May 15, 1777.—Then James Wheeler was drawn out or pressed to go into the war, and his father, Ebenezer Wheeler, paid a fine of ten pounds lawful money for him.

December 26, 1778.—There were several persons froze to death, especially one man with his horse. Fourteen persons were froze on Boston Neck.

May 7, 1780.—There was snow on Mr. Joseph Batchelor's ground four foot deep, and the eighth day of May there was a good deal of snow to be seen on the said ground, and did not go off for some days after. I believe that the oldest person in New England never saw so much snow on the ground at once in New England, as there has been this winter, for many places lay covered with snow above five months, and many foot deep a great part of the time. A very severe winter indeed. Oh that we may—.

July 27, 1780.—There was such darkness that the men could not see to work without a candle during the day. The hens went to roost. The darkness was such as made our hearts to tremble. It was on Friday. This ought to be remembered. And the night was as dark likewise. The following day was a very uncommon light; as uncommon as was the dark.

July 12, 1791.—Then there was a dreadful thunder storm, and Mr. Benjamin May had his barn burnt by lightning.

March 16, 1796.—In a very tedious storm we hear that there was a man froze to death near Mendon, and as people say that he was standing right upon his feet when he was dead.

COPY OF A RECORD OF DEATHS NOW IN POSSESSION OF  
HON. JONATHAN D. WHEELER.

Grafton, October y<sup>e</sup> 16, 1753, then Jonathan.

“ December y<sup>e</sup> 16, 1753, then the widow Deborah.

“ August y<sup>e</sup> 9, 1754, then Mr. Semson died.

“ September y<sup>e</sup> 7, 1754, then Tabathy Warrin died.

“ September y<sup>e</sup> 30, 1754, then the widow Stephen.

January y<sup>e</sup> 2, 1755, Charles Brigham, Jr., died.

July, in the year 1754, then Annas, Negro babe, died.

January, in the year 1755, then Annas, negro woman, died.

May y<sup>e</sup> 20, 1755, then Joseph Anthony died; a negro man.

April, in the year 1755, then Peter Larrons died; an Indian.

September y<sup>e</sup> 9, 1755, then the widow Simsson died.

“ 8, 1755, then John Warrin was killed in the morning.

Died in the war.

December y<sup>e</sup> 2, 1755, then the child of William Holbrook died.

In the year 1755, Joseph Pick was killed at Cappertune. Joseph Dreen died at Swaggo, the same year. Both died in the war.

Samuel Adams died at Swaggo, the same year.

Moses Whitmore died there also.

Solomon Grover died at Lake Gorg [George], the same year.

March y<sup>e</sup> 2, 1756, Mrs. Childs died.

May y<sup>e</sup> 6, 1756, then John Holbrook died.

“ 27, 1756, then Marsy Printer died; an Indian garl.

August y<sup>e</sup> 6, 1756, then the child of Thomas Axtill died.

September y<sup>e</sup> 3, 1756, then the child of Moses Ager died.

“ 5, 1756, then another of his children died.

“ 19, 1756, then the wife of Moses Ager died.

October y<sup>e</sup> 15, 1756, then Peter Larrons died; an Indian man.

“ 26, 1756, then the son of Joseph Whipple died.

November y<sup>e</sup> 11, 1756, then the child of David Hearinton died.

“ 29, 1756, then old Mr. Allen died.

October, in the year 1756, the child of John Sharmon died.

January y<sup>e</sup> 9, 1757, then Mrs. Wesson's child died.

“ 11, 1757, then Mr. Wesson's wife died in child-bed.

April y<sup>e</sup> 26, 1757, then the child of Paul Hezelton died.

August y<sup>e</sup> 30, 1757, then Joshua Whencester died.

September y<sup>e</sup> 7, 1757, then the child of Mr. Furbush died.

“ 1757, then the child of Jacob Whipple died.

“ 5, 1757, then the child of Benjamin Wood died.

“ then Charles Bruse died at the Camps, or  
horsptell.

September y<sup>e</sup> 20, 1758, another of Benjamin Wood's children died.

“ 1758, then Moses Perry died, in the serves of war.

October, 1758, the child of Aaron Kimball died.

November y<sup>e</sup> 3, 1758, then Cesor Ward died; a negro man.

“ 14, 1758, then Mrs. Fletcher died.

About this time Aseph Lathe died, a coming home from the army.

November y<sup>e</sup> 27, 1758, then the child of Deacon Joseph Merriam  
died.

February y<sup>e</sup> 8, 1759, then James Whipple died.

About the 12th and 13th of March, 1759, I understand there died three  
children, but I do not know who they ware.

March y<sup>e</sup> 16, 1759, then Nathaniel Steedman died.

“ 25, 1759, then Deborah Mischo died; an Indian.

“ 31, 1759, then John Phini died at Mr. Printase's.

April y<sup>e</sup> 22, 1759, then Anna Batchelor died.

“ 1759, then the child of Aaron Brigham died.

“ 24, 1759, then Susannah Batchelor died.

May y<sup>e</sup> 1, 1759, then Jeremiah Batchelor died.

July y<sup>e</sup> 2, 1759, then the child of Peter Fisk died.

“ 3, 1759, then the child of Ephraim Sharnon died.

“ 1759, then Mr. Brooks' child died.

August, 1759, then Mary Waight died.

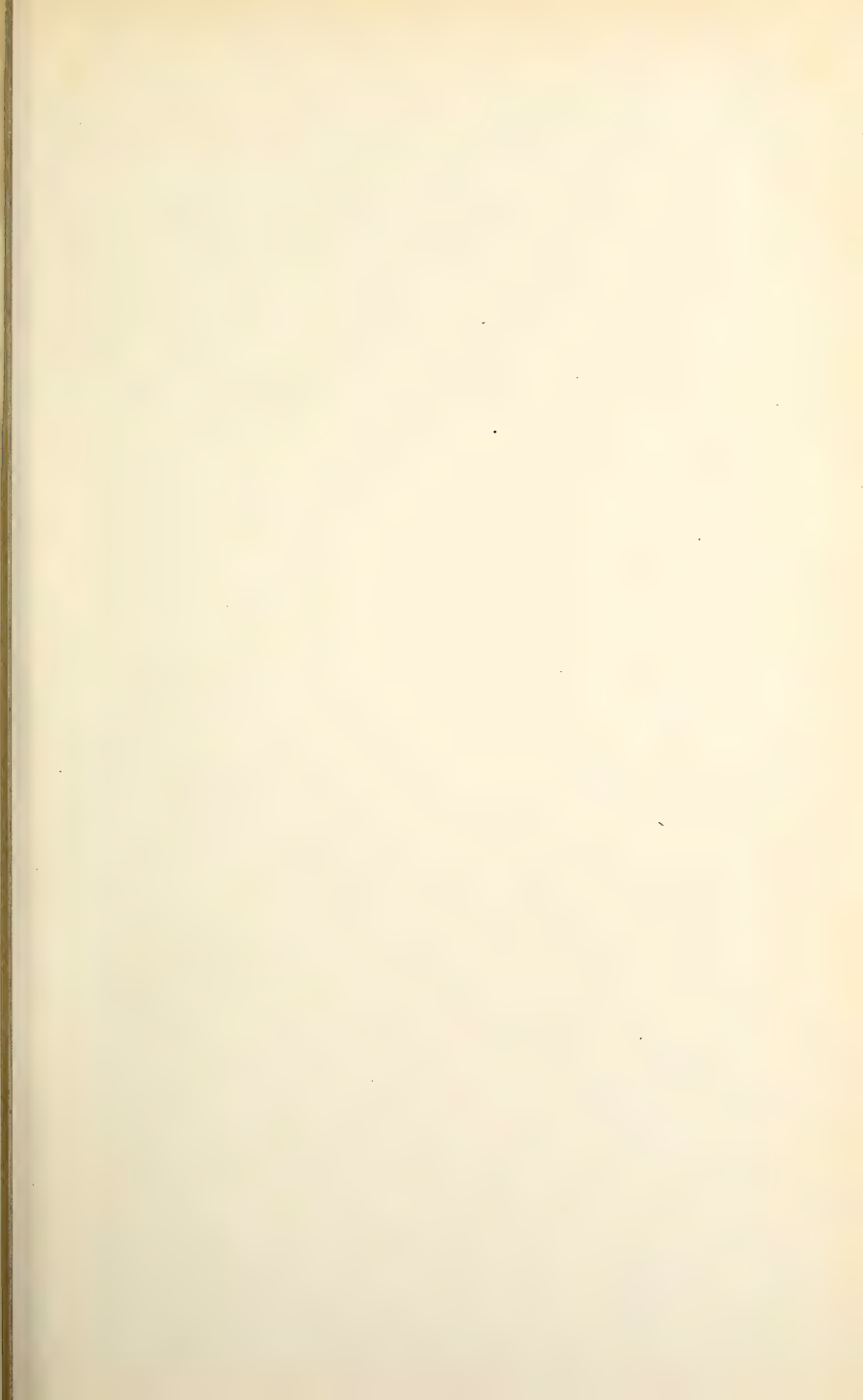
October y<sup>e</sup> 22, 1759, then Susannah Pratt died; wife of Phinehas.

November y<sup>e</sup> 22, 1759, then the widow Whipple died.

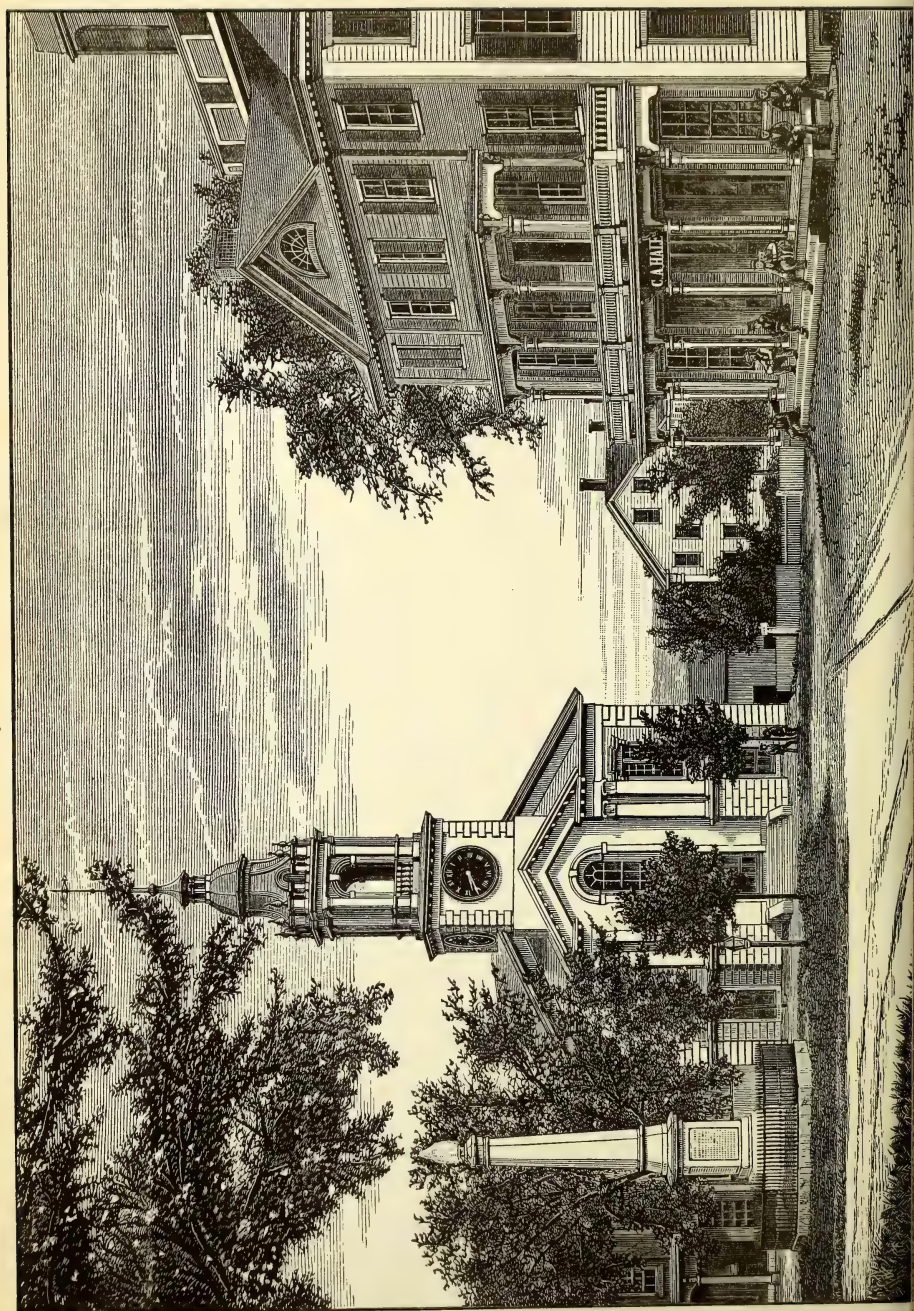
December y<sup>e</sup> 9, 1759, then old Mr. Goddard died.

October y<sup>e</sup> 24, 1759, then Ebenezer Wheeler, Jr., was left to die on a  
mountain, large and high, not far from the upper country.

May y<sup>e</sup> 3, 1760, then Daniel Rice died.









The following gives the number of deaths each year, from 1753 to 1779:—

1753 . . . . .	2	1767 . . . . .	11
1754 . . . . .	4	1768 . . . . .	11
1755 . . . . .	12	1769 . . . . .	13
1756 . . . . .	13	1770 . . . . .	4
1757 . . . . .	8	1771 . . . . .	8
1758 . . . . .	7	1772 . . . . .	9
1759 . . . . .	19	1773 . . . . .	17
1760 . . . . .	7	1774 . . . . .	11
1761 . . . . .	6	1775 . . . . .	35
1762 . . . . .	6	1776 . . . . .	54
1763 . . . . .	5	1777 . . . . .	28
1764 . . . . .	8	1778 . . . . .	20
1765 . . . . .	13		—
1766 . . . . .	5	Total . . . . .	336

“Old Mr. G. Perry was y<sup>e</sup> 375th parson that had died in Grafton, and of Grafton people, since y<sup>e</sup> year 1753. These have died and been killed in war; all Grafton people.”—*From Hon. Jona. D. Wheeler's Record.*

In 1777, agreeable to act of Court, entitled “An act to prevent monopoly and oppression,” the selectmen and committee of the town of Grafton, have met, and affixt, and settled the price of articles hereafter mentioned, viz:—

		s.	d.
Wheat,	Good and merchantable at 6/8 per bushel.	6	8
Rye	Good and merchantable rye 4/4 . . . . .	4	4
Indian	Corn and merchantable at 3/2 . . . . .	3	2
Wool	Good and merchantable at 2/ per lb . . . . .	2	—
Pork	Fresh pork well fattened and of good quality at 4 <sup>d</sup> per pound . . . . .		4
Pork	Salt good midlings at 8 <sup>d</sup> ; 2d quality in proportion . . . . .		8
Beef	Good well fattened grass fed at 2 <sup>d</sup> 3 <sup>qua</sup> per pound . . . . .		2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
“	2d quality in equal proportion.		

Beef	Stallfed well fatted 3 <sup>d</sup> 3 <sup>qu</sup> per pound.....	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Hides	Raw at /3 per pound and Raw Calf at /6 <sup>d</sup> per pound.....	3
Cheese	good of the first quality at /5 <sup>d</sup> 2 <sup>qua</sup> ...	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Butter	at /9 pr single pound,—by the firkin /8 pr pound .....	/8
Pees	good at 7/ pr bushel .....	7/
Beans	good at 5/ per bushel.....	5/
Potatoes	good in the fall at 1/ per bus., in spring 1/4 <sup>d</sup> .....	1/ 1
Stockings	best yarn at 6/ pr pair.....	6/
Shoes	men's made of neats leather at 7/6 .....	7/ 6
Barley	good at 3/8 <sup>d</sup> .....	3/ 8
Oats	good at 1/9 per bushel.....	1/ 9
Innholders	for a meal of victuals of their best kind not to exceed.....	1/ 6
	And of common kind 8 <sup>d</sup> .....	/8
Phlip	made of the best New England rum at /8 <sup>d</sup> pr mug .....	/8
	And made from West India rum not to ex- ceed /10 <sup>d</sup> .....	/10
Half a gill	of W. India at /2 <sup>d</sup> $\frac{1}{2}$ a gill of New 1 <sup>d</sup> 2 <sup>qr</sup>	
For keeping	a horse 24 hours 1/3 <sup>d</sup> .....	1/ 3
“ “	oxen 24 hours 1/6.....	1/ 6
For lodging	a single person over night .....	/3 $\frac{1}{4}$
Mutton	stall-fed at 3 <sup>d</sup> 2 <sup>qr</sup> .....	/3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Veal	good from Dec. 1st to May 1st at /3 pr lb.	/3
Lamb	good at /3 <sup>d</sup> per pound .....	/3
Milk	new by grass at /1 <sup>d</sup> 3 <sup>qr</sup> by hay at /2 <sup>d</sup> per quart .....	/1 $\frac{3}{4}$
English Hay	best kind 2/6 per hundred.....	2/ 6
Barrels	good heart barrels at 3/4 .....	3/ 4
Cider	by the barrel 3/ cash at the press.....	3/
“	Spring and Summer 6/ .....	6/
Shoes	for making men's and women's shoes at 2/6 .....	2/ 6
For shoeing	a horse plain 4/4 <sup>d</sup> .....	4/ 4

For ploughshares, chain, crowbars and hoes, cythes,  
and all other Smith's work according to  
the former custom, making proper allow-  
ance for the extraordinary price of Iron  
and Steel.

Charcoal delivered  $\frac{3}{4}$  per bushel.....  $\frac{1}{3}$

Ox labour  $\frac{1}{6}$  pr day, horse  $2^d$  per mile.

Men's Labour from June to 15th of Aug.  $\frac{3}{4}$  per day, from Aug.  
to the last of Sept.  $\frac{2}{4}$  per day, and Mar., Ap. and Nov.  $\frac{1}{8}$ ,  
Jan. Feb.  $\frac{1}{3}$  per day.

Onions at  $\frac{3}{4}$  per bushel.

Carpenters labour from 1st of April to Oct. 1st at  $\frac{3}{4}$  per day,  
be found as usual, and so in usual proportion at other seasons  
of the year."

1777.

"Masons and Masonlabour the same as Carpenters at all seasons  
of the year.

Tanning.—For tanning hides not to exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$  per pound and  
skins in proportion.

Cloth.—Yard wide tow cloth at  $\frac{3}{2}$  pr yard.

Maids' wages at  $\frac{2}{10^d}$  pr week.

Mentailors work  $\frac{2}{2^d}$  per day, and women's work at tayloring  
 $10^d$ ."

We should have supposed that the settlement of the civil government, and the restoration of peace, together with the blessings of independence, would have secured to the people prosperity and happiness. But this was not the case. The country has hardly witnessed a darker period than in the latter days of the old Confederation. It was loaded with debt, and its energies were completely exhausted. For a time, it seemed as though independence would prove a curse rather than a blessing. The currency depreciated, industry was paralyzed, and property sacrificed. The Confederation became powerless, and the confidence of the people in the integrity of their rulers, began to be impaired. So strong

had the spirit of discontent become in the County of Worcester, that in 1786 it collected and arrayed its forces in opposition to the government, and for a time threatened to impede its operations. As to the expediency or propriety of "Shays' Rebellion," the people of this town were divided; though a majority of them favored his cause, and some took up arms for his support. The instructions given to Col. Luke Drury, who represented the town in the General Court, in the following year, probably express the views of the "Shays men," and the grievances which they then felt. He was directed to use his utmost exertions to "obtain a general pardon, for all that aided, or assisted, or have taken up arms in what the Governor and General Court *styled* rebellion, and that all disqualifications, on that account, be removed, and that all damages for unjust imprisonment and warrants, be made good—that the government troops be disbanded, and that the utmost severity of the law be executed on any who shall commit murder, or harm or destroy any property,—that the General Court be removed out of Boston, to some convenient place in the country,—that all licenses be granted by the selectmen of the several towns; that authority should be given them to settle the estates of deceased persons,—that all deeds should be recorded in the town where the land lay,—that the Court of Common Pleas, and the General Sessions of the Peace, be abolished,—that manufactures in this country be encouraged,—and that the act, suspending the writ of *habeas corpus*, be immediately repealed."

The trustees for the Indians, known as Hassanamisco Indians, in 1788, were, Stephen Maynard, of Westborough, Edward Rawson, Esq., of Leicester, and Willis Hall, of Sutton. The General Court, from the beginning, appointed a committee of three, called the trustees of the Indians' interest; their business was to take care of their property, both real and personal, and dispose of the same to the best advantage, for the support and maintenance of the Indians.

This committee, at present,\* have little to do in the execution of their trust, as the lands have, by length of time and various concurring circumstances, chiefly passed into the hands of the white people. There are, indeed, several farms in the possession of the heirs of the Indians, married to negroes; but it is said there is not one male in the town at this day, who is all of Indian extract or blood. The Indians very soon decreased in this place, and the whites became possessors and occupiers of the soil; and so early as the 28th of December, 1731, a Christian Congregational Church was established here.

In reviewing the past, nothing strikes us so forcibly as the change which has taken place since this town was first known to the English. We have seen that Eliot, nearly two hundred years ago, came here, and first preached the gospel to the Indians. That race, then free and conscious of their rightful possession of the soil, had no suspicion that the day of their extinction was so near at hand;—that their council fires would so soon cease to burn;—that the forests through which they roamed would disappear, and that their hunting and fishing places would be occupied by the habitations and improvements of the white man. The land of their fathers they fondly hoped to leave an inheritance to their children. The groves that had sheltered them from the burning sun and the driving storm, they thought would remain forever. The birds, that made every tree vocal with their harmony, they believed would never cease their song. But in these anticipations they were mistaken. Two centuries have passed—and they have vanished.

The first settlers of this country had but a faint conception of its future greatness; and but few, probably, ever entertained the idea that it would so soon, if ever, be separated from the mother state. They made no calculations for a growth so rapid, nor for changes so unprecedented. The

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\* Whitney's History of Worcester County, 1793.



great improvements in the sciences and arts formed no items in their estimate. They expected that settlements would be extended, and that population would increase, yet they never dreamed that within two centuries thirteen millions of people would be scattered over this extensive country, and all live too, under one government. They knew comparatively nothing of the resources of the country—its fertile soil, its invaluable mines, and its mighty rivers. They had other objects in view of infinitely greater importance. They did not come here dazzled with the prospect of a boundless country, or with the hope of being the founders of a mighty empire. Their highest ambition and fondest hopes were in the establishment of a free government, and in securing to themselves and their children the full enjoyment of their religion. It was with this design that they left their homes and sought an inhospitable wilderness. It was this holy purpose that enabled them to triumph over persecution, to endure the inclement skies, to meet the raging elements and the savage foe, and finally to establish, sustain and transmit the institutions we now enjoy.

“Ay, call it holy ground,  
The soil where first they trod!  
They have left unstained what there they found—  
Freedom to worship God.”

An incorrect estimate of the future growth of the country is apparent in every period of our history; and it is doubtful now whether any of us can form just conceptions of its destined greatness. When the County of Worcester was incorporated, in 1731, doubts were expressed whether it could ever support a sufficient population to authorize the establishment of a County Court. No one then imagined that it would ever contain one-seventh part of the whole population of the State, or that beautiful villages, distinguished for manufacturing and mechanic enterprise, would grow up on every portion of its extensive territory. The

first English proprietors of this town, in their petition to the General Court for leave to purchase, represent it as "a place capable, in process of time, of becoming a small town." Had they been told that a hundred years would hardly have elapsed before it would contain a population of three thousand—that convenient dwellings and busy workshops would cover its hills and fill its valleys—that the hum of machinery would mingle with the roar of every waterfall—that upon the borders of that common which they set apart for "a meeting-house, training-field and burying-place," three spacious and beautiful churches, with towering spires, would be erected—that the waters of the Blackstone would be made navigable by a canal, through which boats laden with merchandize would come from tide waters even to its source—and that across the northern section of the town iron rails would be laid, over which would pass, with the rapidity of the wind, a wonderful machine, belching forth fire and smoke, and moving by an internal power, dragging in its train car after car, and load after load, and never tiring,—they would have regarded it as an idle tale—a dream of the visionary, and belonging rather to the regions of enchantment than of reality.

But reality is more than all this; and were they to awaken from their repose into life again, how few of the scenes of a century ago would they witness! The same beautiful hills and deep valleys remain; the same springs gush from the earth; the same rocks rest on their eternal foundations; the same sun sheds light and heat; the same stars twinkle in the firmament; the same clouds flit along the sky; the same streams unite their waters and roll on to the ocean; but all else is changed! The work of revolution is apparent, not only in government, but in manners, fashions and employments; in the comforts and conveniences of life, and in the opinions and character of the people.

The character of the history of the past century cannot fail to excite a deep interest in every reflecting mind. Never

was there a period so distinguished for events, that have produced such permanent effects on the character and condition of mankind. Previous to its commencement, but little progress had been made in political and religious liberty. The whole power and influence of Europe were on the side of legitimacy. A large proportion of those, who advocated the broad principles of human rights, had been compelled to remain in silence at home, or had been driven from their country. It was only on this side of the Atlantic, that these principles were fully sustained and their influence felt. Yet the colonies were then feeble, their population was scattered, and their influence hardly extended beyond their own borders. They were not then, as now, united under one common government, and could not speak the sentiments of a great and growing nation. But they did not remain in silence. The voice of the advocates of freedom was heard in all the colonial assemblies. The first principles of government were there discussed, and the rights of all maintained. It was in schools like these, that were educated those distinguished men, who were ever ready to resist tyranny in every form and under every guise, whether it came from a Charles, a James, or a George; it was here that the people learned the first principles of free government, and were encouraged and strengthened in their support.

The history of our country is full of instruction; and the young man, who would make himself useful to his generation, would do well to learn its lessons. He will there perceive that the great cause of liberty has been more than once sustained by an early and manly resistance to invasion; that the glorious inheritance we now enjoy was not acquired by supineness and neglect, and that it can be preserved only by constant care and arduous labor. He will there find more than Spartan valor and Roman virtue. Every page is adorned with some bright name, and every line bears marks of patriotic devotion. Whether he read of the sufferings of

the Pilgrims—of the struggles of the early settlers in maintaining an existence—their trials in the Indian wars—the hostile aggressions of the French, and the unexampled courage of the colonists in repelling them—or of the patriotic spirit of the Revolution—he will find all full of evidence of an entire devotion to the cause of country.

It is peculiarly important at the present time, that our history be read and studied. The season of danger is not yet over. We should learn from the past the true sources of our prosperity, and endeavor to preserve them. The tide of innovation is rolling onward with a fearful rapidity, and there is great danger that we shall lose sight of the beacon lights that our past history presents. The most striking characteristic of the present age is its revolutionary spirit;—a spirit that is not satisfied with overturning governments, crumbling thrones to the dust, and destroying institutions venerable with the age of centuries—but seeks for change in everything—and in its work of dissolution, gathering strength and acquiring a rabidness, would even subvert the physical laws of the universe, and make them subservient to its eternal fluctuations. This spirit cannot be repressed; and it ought not to be: for when properly directed, it is to society what a propitious breeze is to a well managed vessel on the bosom of the ocean, giving it an onward progress; but when misdirected, our institutions can no more withstand it than can the trees of the mountains the blasts of the tornado. Instruction from the past will afford us our surest protection. The fathers of American liberty knew well the means by which it could be preserved; they laid broad its foundations, and watched with the most scrupulous care, and resisted every violation of their chartered rights. They knew the force of precedent, and would not tolerate a violation of their constitution of government, even if it produced no immediate injury. “They judged of an evil in government,” as Burke said, “not by the pressure of the grievance, but by the badness of the principle. They



augured mis-government at a distance, and snuffed the approach of tyranny in every tainted breeze." They appeared to be sensible that to a certain extent they were forming society anew, and that what they did would affect the remotest generations. No one can read of the great sacrifices that have been made, and the sufferings which have been endured, to establish and protect our institutions, and not feel a stronger love for them, and a determination to make renewed efforts in their support. Let the young men learn the origin of this republic ;—let them perceive the toils and troubles endured by its founders—their ardent patriotism—their love of learning—their reverence for religion—their fortitude in trial—their unbending integrity and indomitable courage,—and they cannot but feel their obligation to preserve the inheritance transmitted to them. Their free and generous hearts will be warmed with grateful and patriotic emotions ; a love of liberty will be cherished—an attachment to our institutions strengthened—and the republic will be preserved. The institutions we now enjoy, we hold not as our own, but in trust for others. We have a right to use, but not to destroy them. We are bound to transmit them not only unimpaired, but improved. Our faith is pledged, and it must not be violated. We will never be so dishonored, so unworthy of our trust, so ungrateful to our benefactors. The pledge, which our fathers gave us, was sealed with their blood. The sacrifices which they made, were not for themselves, but for us and those who shall come after us. They fought the battles of freedom, and we must preserve the fruits of their victories. It was their fortune to acquire laurels in war ; let it be ours to deserve them in peace. They established schools, "to the end," as they said, "that learning may not be buried in the graves of their fathers." Let us cherish and improve the same system, to the end, that liberty may not be buried in the graves of our fathers. Ours is a no less arduous task. A struggle is continually going on ; and if we would be successful, our exer-



tions must never be relaxed. If we are true to ourselves and to our country, the beautiful prospect before us will continue to present still brighter and brighter visions.

What will be the character and condition of those who shall stand here and fill our places one hundred years hence, we would not attempt to predict. The changes and events of the last century have baffled all expectation; and can we hope that they will be less important in the century to come? The signs of the times indicate an onward progress; the population of the country is increasing beyond all former precedent; the mechanical arts are becoming more extended; the means of diffusing knowledge are continually enlarging; science is advancing; and may we not hope that the moral and intellectual character of the people is improving? An experiment is now in operation, on the result of which depends the dearest hopes of mankind. The time is not far distant when our country will contain a population of one hundred millions, who will speak one language, read the same books, and, we trust, live under the same and a free government. The names of the patriots and philanthropists of former days—the founders of the republic—will then be held in grateful remembrance. Memorials of their worth will appear in the whole social system; and though dead, yet will they live in the improved character and condition of society, possessing a power on earth that will be as lasting as the earth itself. He who shall then stand here, will speak of a prosperous country and equal laws. He will review its rapid increase in population, in arts, and in public improvements; and when he perceives its immense extent, its inexhaustible resources, its flourishing institutions, and its happy government, he will acknowledge the debt due to former generations, and will feel still stronger obligations to make every exertion to transmit these blessings to others. But if these beautiful prospects are darkened—if these hopes are blasted—if our government is overthrown, and our country rent among hostile factions,—let it be through the fault of

others, and not of us. Let our resolve be made; and standing, as we do, on the verge of two centuries, let us declare it to be—a *faithful performance of our obligations to past generations, and our duty to the future.*\*

As the polls returned in 1803, furnish the only complete list of the inhabitants at that day, I will insert them, with the number of polls against each householder:—

## COPY TOWN TAX.

GRAFTON, NOVEMBER 24TH, 1803.

JONAS BROWN,  
JOSEPHUS WILLARD,  
JOSEPH MERRIAM, JR. } *Assessors.*

	Polls.
Thomas Axtell . . . . .	2
Samuel Adams . . . . .	1
Elisa Adams . . . . .	—
Andrew Adams . . . . .	1
Jasper Adams . . . . .	1
Nathaniel Adams . . . . .	2
Moses Adams . . . . .	2
Abner Abbott . . . . .	1
Joel Brooks . . . . .	—
Elijah Brooks . . . . .	1
Francis Barns . . . . .	1
William Brigham . . . . .	1
Charles Brigham . . . . .	1
Soloman Brigham . . . . .	1
Perley Batchelor, Jr. . . . .	1
Truman Clark . . . . .	1
Ebenezer Cutler . . . . .	—
Ebenezer Cutler, Jr. . . . .	1
Moses Cutler . . . . .	1
Moses Cutler, Jr. . . . .	1
Daniel Cutler . . . . .	1
Joseph Cutler . . . . .	1
Jonathan Chase . . . . .	1
Elisabeth Childs . . . . .	—

\* Address by Hon. William Brigham.

	Polls.
Rufus Coda . . . . .	1
Amos Davis . . . . .	-
Thomas Davidson . . . . .	1
Joseph Dispeau . . . . .	1
Joseph J. Davis . . . . .	1
Nathan Darling . . . . .	1
Isaiah Fairbanks . . . . .	1
Daniel Fairbanks . . . . .	1
Jedutham Fay . . . . .	1
Silas Fay . . . . .	1
Benjamin Goddard, Esq. . . . .	1
Levi Goddard . . . . .	1
Perley Goddard . . . . .	1
Ephm. Goulding . . . . .	2
“ “ occupant on thirds . . . . .	-
Moses Herrington . . . . .	1
Moses Hayden . . . . .	1
Oliver Hayden . . . . .	1
Joshua Herrington . . . . .	1
Aaron Kimball . . . . .	-
Aaron Kimball, Jr. . . . .	1
Isaac Kimball . . . . .	1
Noah B. Kimball . . . . .	1
Oliver Kimball . . . . .	1
Widow Sarah Johnson . . . . .	-
Timothy Johnson . . . . .	1
Nathan Johnson . . . . .	1
Silas Leland . . . . .	1
Zadock Leland . . . . .	1
James H. Miller . . . . .	1
Rufus Newton . . . . .	1
Zadock Putnam . . . . .	2
George W. Putnam . . . . .	1
Tartius Prentice . . . . .	1
Charles Prentice . . . . .	1
Aaron Pierce . . . . .	1
Ezra Phillips . . . . .	1
Luther Pierce . . . . .	2
Josiah Phillips . . . . .	1
Zebedee Redding . . . . .	1
Turner Rawson . . . . .	1
Samuel Rawson . . . . .	1
Asa Scott . . . . .	1
Timothy Sherman . . . . .	1
Nahum Stone . . . . .	2

	Polls.
Albert Stone . . . . .	1
Thomas Smith . . . . .	1
Widow Anne Stow . . . . .	—
Abner Temple . . . . .	2
Ebenezer Wadsworth . . . . .	2
Ebenezer Wadsworth, Jr. . . . .	1
John Wadsworth . . . . .	1
Jonathan Warren . . . . .	1
Josephus Willard . . . . .	1
John Willard . . . . .	1
Perley Whipple . . . . .	2
Joseph Wood, Jr. . . . .	1
Joseph T. Wood, . . . . .	1
Jonathan Wheeler . . . . .	2
Wheeler & Warren . . . . .	2
Abel Watson, Jr. . . . .	2
John Wheeler . . . . .	1
Joseph Whitney . . . . .	1
Isaac W. Wood . . . . .	1
Reuben Wheelock . . . . .	1
William Withington . . . . .	1
Perley Batchellor . . . . .	2
Elijah Brigham . . . . .	—
Jonas Brown . . . . .	2
Clark Brown . . . . .	1
John Bennitt . . . . .	1
Heirs of Mellicient Brigham . . . . .	—
Ezekiel Brigham . . . . .	1
John Brigham . . . . .	1
Widow Eliza Bruce . . . . .	—
Widow Sally Bruce . . . . .	—
Elijah Case . . . . .	1
Thomas M. Baker . . . . .	1
Zebulon Daniels . . . . .	2
Aaron Day . . . . .	1
Widow Abigail Daniels . . . . .	—
Amos Ellis . . . . .	1
Silas Forbush . . . . .	1
Cyrus French . . . . .	1
Samuel Flagg . . . . .	3
Benjamin Grover . . . . .	1
William E. Green . . . . .	1
Timothy Fisher . . . . .	1
Widow Betty Forbush . . . . .	—
Moses C. Hayden . . . . .	1

	Polls.
Ephraim Harrington . . . . .	2
Moses Holbrook . . . . .	1
Amaziah Howard . . . . .	1
Solomon Hayden . . . . .	1
Levi Haywood . . . . .	1
Stephen Holbrook . . . . .	1
Widow Sarah Holbrook . . . . .	-
Daniel Hayden . . . . .	1
Jonathan Hayden . . . . .	-
John Hayden . . . . .	1
Reuben Jenks . . . . .	2
James W. Jenkins . . . . .	1
Royal Keith . . . . .	3
William Lamb . . . . .	1
Dan. Lamb . . . . .	1
Phinehas Leland . . . . .	3
David W. Leland . . . . .	2
Benjamin Leland . . . . .	1
Benjamin Leland, Jr. . . . .	2
Daniel Leland . . . . .	1
Eleazer Leland . . . . .	2
Ebenezer Leland . . . . .	2
Ebenezer Leland, Jr. . . . .	1
Levi Leland . . . . .	1
John Leland . . . . .	1
Zephaniah Lathe . . . . .	2
Benjamin Lathe . . . . .	1
Benjamin Lathe, Jr. . . . .	1
Solomon Lathe . . . . .	1
Edward Lesure . . . . .	1
Asa Learned . . . . .	1
Joseph Merriam . . . . .	2
“ “ on Childs' farm . . . . .	-
Joseph Merriam, Jr. . . . .	1
Timothy Merriam . . . . .	3
Joseph Prentice . . . . .	1
Abijah Pierce . . . . .	1
Ebenezer Phillips, Jr. . . . .	1
Lemuel Perham . . . . .	-
Moses Rockwood . . . . .	1
Thaddeus Read . . . . .	1
Ithamer Stow . . . . .	1
Ephraim Sherman . . . . .	1
Ephraim Sherman, Jr. . . . .	2
Moses Sherman . . . . .	2



## HISTORY OF GRAFTON.

	Polls.
David Sherman . . . . .	1
Widow Thankful Sherman . . . . .	—
Jonathan Stow . . . . .	1
“ “ on Dr. Jona. Stow estate . . . . .	—
Daniel Stow . . . . .	—
Lovel Stow . . . . .	1
Ebenezer Sadler . . . . .	—
Levi Sadler . . . . .	1
Samuel Stone . . . . .	1
Eliphalet Smith . . . . .	1
Aaron Sherman . . . . .	1
Joseph Slocomb . . . . .	1
Timothy Temple . . . . .	1
John Thurston . . . . .	1
Daniel Thurston . . . . .	1
James Wheeler . . . . .	2
Joseph Warren . . . . .	—
James Whipple . . . . .	1
“ “ on Josiah Whipple estate . . . . .	—
Nathaniel Whipple . . . . .	1
John Whipple . . . . .	1
“ “ on John Whipple, Jr., estate . . . . .	—
Samuel Wood . . . . .	1
David Wadsworth . . . . .	1
Jona. Wadsworth . . . . .	2
Samuel Wadsworth . . . . .	1
Joseph Whipple . . . . .	1
Thaddeus Whipple . . . . .	1
Joseph Wood, Esq. . . . .	3
Asahel Warren . . . . .	1
Nathan White . . . . .	1
Gilbert Coats . . . . .	1
Jonathan Bowen . . . . .	1
Abraham Haywood . . . . .	1
William Croford . . . . .	1
Daniel Adams . . . . .	1
Widow Ruth Rockwood . . . . .	—
Ruth Rockwood . . . . .	—
Robert Lathe . . . . .	1
Daniel Prentice . . . . .	1

## NAMES OF NON-RESIDENTS.

	No. of Acres.
Aaron Adams, Northbridge . . . . .	4½
{ Thomas Bowen, Northbridge . . . . .	} 3½
{ Do. on John Bowen, “ . . . . .	

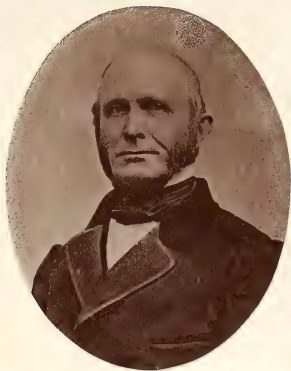
	No. of Acres.
James Adams, Northbridge, . . . . .	4
James McCallan, Sutton . . . . .	12
Mark Batchelor, " . . . . .	14
Nehemiah Chace, " . . . . .	17
Solomon Whipple, " . . . . .	2½
Daniel Warren, Upton . . . . .	2½
Josiah Peas, " . . . . .	—
Ephraim Whitney, " . . . . .	4
Enoch Batchelor, " . . . . .	4
Nathaniel Flagg, " . . . . .	2½
Ezra Wood, do. for Sarah Wood . . . . .	—
John Holmes, Hopkinton . . . . .	60
Joseph Goddard, Sutton . . . . .	20
Samuel Grout, Westborough . . . . .	30
Eli Whitney, " . . . . .	30
Daniel Nurse, " . . . . .	10
John Harrington, " . . . . .	4
Thomas Twitchel, " . . . . .	2
Abel Watson, " . . . . .	20
Joel Watson, " . . . . .	12



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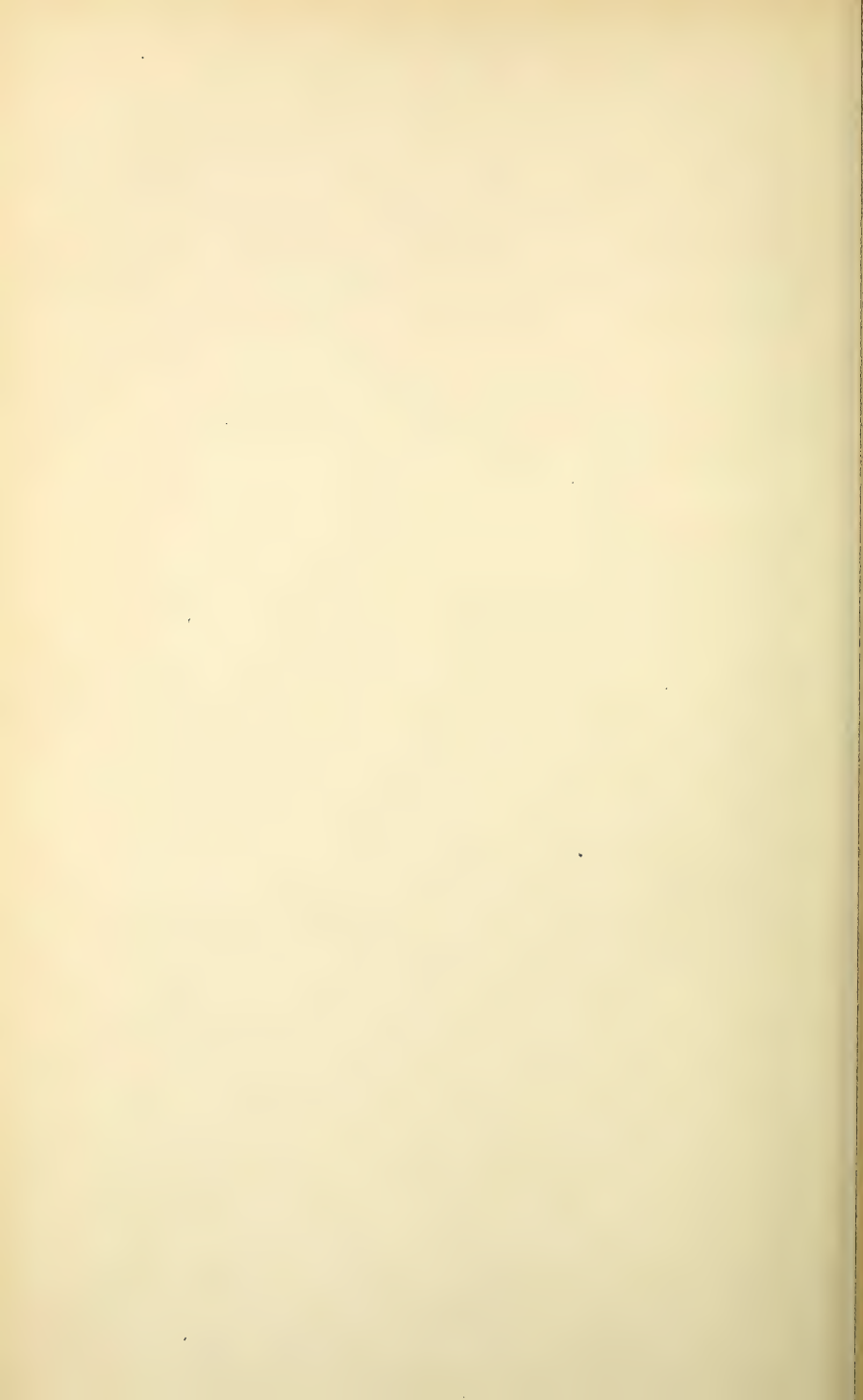


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*E. P. Bigelow* <sup>2</sup> *Jon. D. Wheeler*

<sup>3</sup> *Samuel Wood*

*A. M. Bigelow* <sup>5</sup> *J. H. Wood*





# GRAFTON'S WAR RECORD.

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## CHAPTER FOURTH.

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### King Philip's War.

**I**T WAS during this war that quite an important battle was fought on Keith Hill, the English gaining the victory. The day upon which the battle was fought was stormy, and the Indians were not able to use their fire-arms, while the English, protecting their gun-locks with their garments, thereby gained a decided advantage. In the early part of the war, in order to prevent the Indians who were favorable to the English from being either destroyed or tampered with and drawn away from their allegiance, and on account of the great distrust felt towards them, all the friendly Indians of the Nipmuck country were confined at Hassanamesit, and were forbidden to go more than one mile from their

wigwams, upon penalty of imprisonment or death ; the penalty to be inflicted by any person meeting them beyond these limits. The hostile Indians, however, came upon this company of friendly Indians with a force of three hundred, and either compelled or persuaded about two hundred of them to join in the war against the English. This led to an expedition against the town, made up of two companies of English troops. Captain Henchman, with some men, marched from Boston to Hassanamisco, November 1st, 1675, who, on the fourth day, coming upon the Indians in or near that place, they fled precipitately, leaving behind them a lad unhurt, whom they had taken from Marlborough the week preceding ; our men marched on to Boggachoag, which was in Worcester, now Auburn, but meeting with no enemy they returned back to Mendon, where, being informed of Indian wigwams about ten miles to the west, or northwest, Captain Henchman and Lieutenant Curtis, with twenty-two men on horses, went up and fought them, but were repulsed ; Lieutenant Curtis and another man were killed. The men returned to Mendon ; but the Indians deserted their wigwams and went off, which gave the troops an opportunity next day to go up, bring away, and bury the two men, who were killed.\* On April 27th, 1676, Captains Still, Cutler and Holbrook, with the foot soldiers ; Captains Brattle, Prentice and Henchman, with the horse (the latter captain was commander-in-chief), were sent out to range the woods in and about Hassanamisco, who, coming suddenly upon the Indians thereabouts, killed and took sixteen or twenty of them, the rest fleeing.

#### **Grafton in the French and Indian War, 1756.**

The sufferings and privations endured in this war seem to have been forgotten in the brilliant results of the Revolu-

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\* The heads of these two men were found the next morning fastened upon crotched sticks, and facing each other, in front of the wigwam ; the grim delight of the Indians being thus most characteristically expressed. No traces were found of their own dead or wounded.

tion. The honor due to the men who then made every sacrifice to maintain our country's rights, has never been awarded. We have been accustomed to bestow it all on those who were the more immediate agents in obtaining our independence, and have not remembered that the French war was the school in which the heroes of the Revolution were educated; and that without the preparatory discipline which it afforded, independence could not then have been obtained. We do but an act of justice when we say, that to these men we are greatly indebted for our present institutions, and more so than to those who, in that war, met the enemy on the borders of Canada, and there suffered not only the evils incident to long and dangerous campaigns, but all the horrors of Indian barbarity. No men ever possessed a more dauntless character, or pressed onward to the contest with a more patriotic ardor. America was the prize for which the two great European powers were contending, and the principal battle-ground was on our northern frontiers. To the people of New England it was not a war of conquest, but of self-preservation; and in order to protect their homes and firesides, they were compelled to go into the wilderness of the north, and resist the enemy in every step of his progress. In this war, Massachusetts took a conspicuous part; and at different times had in the service a large proportion of her able-bodied men, of whom no portion of the State furnished a greater number, according to its population, than Worcester County. During the whole of this war, and in every campaign in New England, several of the inhabitants of this town were engaged in the service. When the news of the approach of the enemy on Fort William Henry arrived, a company was immediately raised here for its relief. Thirty-six of this company belonged to this town, and the remainder principally to Upton. They were commanded by Capt. James Whipple, and marched on the 16th of August, 1757; but previous to this time, the fort had surrendered, and many of our countrymen had fallen

victims to the cruelty and treachery of the enemy. In the following year, twenty-three more were in the service ; and in 1759, nineteen were engaged in the Westward Expedition, and in the one for the invasion of Canada, under General Amherst. The whole number of persons belonging to this town, who died in the war, either from disease or were killed in battle, from 1753 to 1762, was eighty,\* and this, too, out of a population that did not exceed seven hundred and fifty ! Seldom do the calamities of war fall so heavily as this ; and still more seldom are soldiers compelled to suffer the hardships which those engaged in this war endured. They suffered not merely the fatigue of long and tedious marches, and the attacks of a treacherous and savage enemy, but the pangs of hunger ; and were often compelled to eat the most loathsome food to preserve an existence. The story of their sufferings and fortitude, if it were all told, would overtax human credulity. It cannot be fully described. They traversed the wilderness of Vermont, penetrated the wilds of Oswego, drove back the enemy from Ticonderoga and Crown Point, and carried the war even to the heights of Quebec. These battle-fields are consecrated ground ; for they contain within their bosom the dust, not only of patriots and soldiers, but of our own townsmen and kindred.

The following lists were taken from the rolls in the Secretary's office, at the State House :—

A list of the training and alarm soldiers in Grafton in 1757, under command of Captain Samuel Warrin, Lieutenant Wait :—

Ensign Willard.	Phineas Rice.
Sergt. Noah Brooks.	John Maynard.
Stephen Prentice.	Joseph Temple.
Joel Brooks.	Jacob Slearn,
Aaron Brigham.	Paul Hazelton.

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\* From Mrs. Wheeler's Record: " 29th May, 1762, then there had died, and had been killed in the war, from October, 1753, to the date thereof, of Grafton people fourscore persons."—*Brigham ; Appendix D.*

Corp. Hezekiah Ward.  
 Abraham Brown.  
 Joshua Wintchester.  
 Nat. Whitney.  
 Drum Elijah ———.  
 Abraham Temple.  
 Solomon Stow.  
 Benjamin Leland.  
 James Leland, Jr.  
 Phineas Leland.  
 John Stow.  
 Natt. Sherman, Jr.  
 Nath'l Prentice.  
 Simon Brooks.  
 Phinehas Prat.  
 Charles Bruce.  
 Peter Brooks.  
 Marke Bachelor.  
 Thomas Drury, Jr.  
 Elisha Brigham.  
 William Brigham.  
 Natt. Cooper.  
 Samuel Cooper.  
 Ebenezer Cutler.  
 Jonathan Cutler.  
 David Cutler.  
 Moses Cutler.  
 Josiah Child.  
 Peter Fisk.  
 Eleazer Fleatcher, Jr.  
 Nat. Goddard.  
 James Goddard.  
 Ebenezer Fisk.  
 David Forbush.  
 Joshua Felt.  
 Jonathan Hall.  
 Moses Eager.  
 Aaron Taft.  
 Daniel Brigham.

William Holbrook.  
 Thomas Axtell.  
 Josiah Rawson.  
 Ephraim Sherman, Jr.  
 Benja. Pulsipher.  
 David Stow.  
 Samuel Sterns.  
 Joseph Wintchester.  
 Zacry Warrin.  
 Moses Whipple.  
 James Whipple, 3rd.  
 Nat. Whitmore, Jr.  
 Joseph Arnold, Jr.  
 William Warrin.  
 Abraham Parkes.  
 James Herington.  
 David Herington.  
 John Holbrook.  
 Moses Holbrook.  
 Aaron Hardy, Jr.  
 Amos Lamson.  
 Aaron Kimball.  
 Jonathan Child, Jr.  
 John How, Jr.  
 Joseph Merriam, Jr.  
 John Prentice.  
 James Rosebrough.  
 David Wadsworth.  
 Darius Hutson.  
 Ephraim Fleatcher.  
 William Druce.  
 Josiah Goddard.  
 Jonathan Stow.  
 Seth Miller.  
 Jonathan Child, Jr.  
 Joseph Willard, Jr.  
 Thomas Maning.  
 Eleazer Flagg, Jr.  
 Moses Perry.

A muster roll of the company under the command of Capt. James Whipple, belonging to the regiment whereof Artemas Ward, Esq., is colonel, that marched on the alarm for the relief of Fort William Henry, August 16th, 1757:—

James Whipple, Lieutenant-Captain, Grafton.  
 Stephen Sadler, Sergeant, Upton.



Nathaniel Sherman, Sergeant,	Grafton.	
Jonas Warren,	"	Upton.
Abraham Brown,	"	Grafton.
Preserved Partridge, Corporal,	Upton.	
Aaron Taft,	"	Grafton.
Samuel Wright,	"	Upton.
Phinehas Lealand,	"	Grafton.
Samuel Fisk, Private,	Upton.	
Jacob Stevens,	"	Grafton.
Isaac Herrington, Private,	Grafton.	
James Herrington,	"	"
Peter Fisk,	"	"
Charles Bruce,	"	"
Ebenezer Phillips,	"	"
Peter Brooks,	"	"
Mark Batchelor,	"	"
Paul Hazeltine,	"	"
Joseph Winchester,	"	"
Aaron Hardy, Jr.,	"	"
Aaron Kimball,	"	"
Nathaniel Sherman, Jr., Private,	Grafton.	
Benjamin Pulciphier,	"	"
Moses Whipple,	"	"
John Converse,	"	"
Moses Holbrook,	"	"
Ebenezer Wheeler,	"	"
Jonathan Child,	"	"
Thomas Gage,	"	"
Samuel Wood,	"	Upton.
Ely Rice,	"	"
Daniel Fisher,	"	"
Francis Nelson,	"	"
John Nichols,	"	"
Aaron Warren,	"	"
Benjamin Farrar,	"	"
Samuel Warren,	"	"
Josiah Fisk,	"	"
Nathan Wood,	"	"
Joseph Wilson,	"	"
Thomas Webster,	"	"
Beriah Rice,	"	<div> <div> <div></div> <div></div> </div> <div> <div></div> <div></div> </div> <div> <div></div> <div></div> </div> </div>
Timothy Darling,	"	
Aaron Hardy,	"	
Ephraim Sherman,	"	
Joshua Taft,	"	
		Upton.
		Grafton.
		"
		"
		"

John Morse, Sergeant,	Westfield.
John Prentice, Private,	Grafton.
Silas Hemenway,	" Westfield.
Joseph Borden,	" "
James Rosborough,	Private, Grafton.
Daniel Brigham,	" "
David Wadsworth,	" "
Daniel Leonard,	" Westfield.
Zacheriah Newton,	" "
Ezekiel Knowlton,	" "
Ephraim Lyon,	" "
William Parker,	" "
John Sherman,	" "
Obadiah Wheelock,	" "
Abner Whipple,	" "
Jonathan Kelley,	" "
Noah Hardy,	" "
Jonathan Whitney,	" "
Henry Balcom,	" "
Samuel Taft,	" Grafton.

## ALARM SOLDIERS.

The following were the Alarm Soldiers who remained in town on duty, or who could be called together, in case of necessity, by Rev. Mr. Hutchinson, during the French and Indian war, in 1757 :—

Rev. Mr. Aaron Hutchinson.	Aaron Hardy.
Charles Brigham, Esq.	Marke Bachelor.
Abner Stow.	Joseph Goodale.
Joseph Merriam.	John Sherman.
Benja. Wintchester.	Amos Wait.
Nat. Ball.	Robert Laith.
Jason Wait.	Joseph Arnold.
Silas Warrin.	Jacob Whipple.
Joseph Whipple.	Nat. Flagg.
Joseph Rice.	Isaac Herington.
Hezekiah Taylor.	Nat. Whitmore.
Nat. Stedman.	Eleazer Fleatcher.
Eleazer Flagg.	Robert Flagg.
Ebenezer Wheeler.	John How.
Andrew Adams.	Benja. Goddard.
Joseph Bachelor.	Rev. Solomon Prentice.
Nat. Warrin.	Luke Drury.
Joseph Perry.	

Muster roll of Grafton men, under the command of Capt. Stephen Maynard, in 1759, raised by the Province of Massachusetts Bay for the reduction of Canada; William Willin, colonel:—

Benjamin Lealand.	Richard Roberts, Private.
Jonathan Goodale.	James Rosbrook, “
Asa Leith, Private.	Ebenezer Wheeler, Jr., Private.
Ebenezer Phillips, Private.	Benjamin Woods, Private.
Cornelius Baker, “	David Warren, “
Nathaniel Sherman, Ensign.	Aaron Hardy, Jr., “
John Prentice, Sergeant.	Ichabod Druce, “
Stephen Prentice, Corporal.	William Druce, “
Ephraim Lyon, Private.	Nathaniel Child, “
Moses Perry, “	Samuel Batchelor, “
Charles Bruce, “	

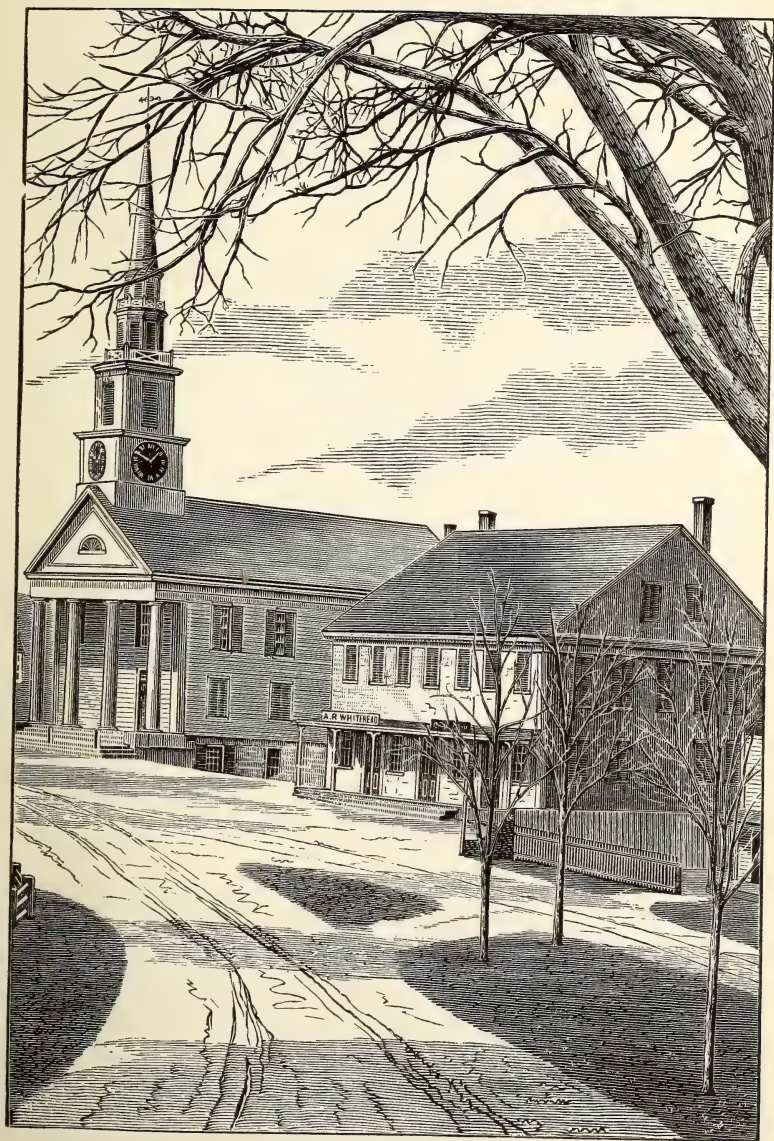
Enlistment roll of men from Grafton in 1759, for the invasion of Canada, under command of Gen. Jerry Amherst; Abraham Williams, colonel:—

Joseph Willard, Jr.	Samuel Whitmore.
Samson (Indian).	Nathaniel Whitmore, Jr.
Fortunatus Burnee.	Samuel Batchelor.
Cornelius Baker.	Jonathan Wheeler.
Ebenezer Wheeler.	Daniel Dresser.
Nathaniel Smith.	Jonathan Child.
William Druce.	Amos Waighte.
William Warren.	Ephraim Fletcher.
Nathaniel Whitmore.	

Men from Grafton, under the command of Capt. William Paige, in 1761:—

George Gire, Private.	Henry Prentice, Private.
Jacob Gitchell, “	Aseph Sherman, “
Benjamin Garfield, Private.	John Prentice, Ensign.
Fortunatus Harrington, Private.	Daniel Druce, Private.
Simeon Keith, Private.	Samuel Waite, “
Levi Lealand, “	David Warren, “

One of the most arduous enterprises undertaken during the French war, was that of the famous Major Rogers, with his Rangers, against the Indian town of St. Francis. This town is situated near the St. Lawrence, about middle way between Montreal and Quebec, and was inhabited by a tribe



WEST SIDE OF PARK.





of savages which had long been in the interest of the French, and had done great injury to the English. The English thought that the entire destruction of this town was necessary for their safety, and accordingly a secret expedition was planned by Major Rogers for this purpose. He left Crown Point September 13, 1759, with two hundred men, and went down the Lake in boats to Missisquay Bay, where it became necessary to leave the boats in order to avoid detection, and travel the remainder of the way by land. Previous to this, about fifty of his party had returned on account of sickness. Their boats, with most of their provisions, were here secreted, with two men, who were left to give notice if they were discovered by the enemy. Major Rogers, with his party, had not gone far, before he was informed by one of these men that the French and Indians had discovered their boats, and were probably in pursuit of them. The only chance of escape was in going forward in their expedition as fast as possible, and then returning to their fort through the back country. The passage through the country was very difficult, as appears by the journal of Major Rogers, which he kept at the time. He says: "We marched nine days through wet sunken ground; the water was most of the way near a foot deep, it being a spruce bog. When we encamped at night, we had no way to secure ourselves from the water but by cutting the boughs of trees, and with them erecting a kind of hammocks. We commonly began our march a little before day, and continued it till after dark at night." On the twenty-second day after their departure from Crown Point, at about 8 o'clock in the evening, they arrived in sight of the town of St. Francis. The party then consisted of one hundred and forty-two men. Major Rogers, with one or two others, left the main company and went to reconnoitre the town. They found the Indians in a high frolic or dance, and accordingly returned and prepared for an attack, which was made on the following morning just before sunrise. The

whole town was burnt, and about two hundred Indians were killed, and about twenty of their women and children taken prisoners. Most of these they afterwards let go. They also re-took five English captives, and discovered with these Indians nearly six hundred scalps of the English.

After this, having ascertained that about three hundred of the French and Indians were within four miles of them, they hastened back through the wilderness, by the way of Charlestown, No. 4, N. H., then a frontier town of the English settlements. They had no provisions except a little that they obtained at St. Francis. They marched in a body about eight days; but thinking they would be more likely to obtain enough to preserve an existence, they separated into small companies, agreeing to meet again at Amonsook River, about sixty miles above No. 4, where they expected provisions would have been sent them from the Fort. While traveling through the woods, they were compelled to eat groundnuts and lily roots; and at last, roasted their shoes and powder horns, and used them for food. Some of them fell into the hands of the enemy, and were killed; others died of hunger and disease; and but a mere remnant of these courageous men returned to tell the tale of their sufferings. Ebenezer Wheeler, Jr.,\* an inhabitant of this town, and then only eighteen years of age, was one of this party; and having become so feeble as to be unable to walk, by reason of hunger, he was left by his companions, and died upon a lonely mountain in Vermont, October 24, 1759.†

#### Grafton in the Revolution.

The inhabitants of Boston, under the leadership of Samuel Adams, had voted to appoint a "Committee of Correspondence, to consist of twenty-one persons, to state the

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\*In a record kept by his father, it is stated: "Left to die on a mountain, large and high, not far from the upper country."

† Rogers' Journal, p. 145.

rights of the colonists, and of this province in particular, as men, as christians, and as subjects; and to communicate and publish the same to the several towns, and the world, as the sense of this town, with the infringements and violations thereof that have been, or from time to time may be made." As early as February 1st, 1773, Grafton, in town meeting, responds to one of the letters of this committee, by resolving unanimously "that they would defend their rights at all hazards; that they would not suffer their property to be taken from them in an unconstitutional manner, and that they were ready to co-operate with their brethren in Boston, and other places, in any measures to obtain a redress of grievances." During the latter part of this same year came the excitement concerning the destruction of the tea in Boston harbor. A town meeting was held, and a committee appointed to "look into a letter sent from Boston." Said committee reported January 4, 1774, as follows: "The town of Grafton, taking into consideration the unhappy circumstances that this country are involved in at this crisis, attempts repeatedly being made infringing upon our rights and privileges, which we consider justly alarming to all the true friends of our happy constitution, which hath been so dearly purchased, and which we esteem to be our most invaluable interest and rights as Englishmen, which we have ever gloried in; more particularly at the glaring injustice of that of the East India Company being allowed to send tea to America, while subject to a duty payable in America, which we view as subversive of our rights as christians, as subjects, and as loyal subjects of our most gracious King George, whose name and person we ever desire to view as sacred; therefore,

*Resolved*, as the people of this town, that any one individual, or any body of men, that shall encourage, aid or assist, in importing or receiving any such tea, or any other article while subject to a duty, the sole purpose whereof is to raise money to appropriate to any sordid

measure, or any use whatever contrary to our just rights of distributing our own property, wherewith God and nature hath made us free, can but be viewed as criminal to our country, as well as to the mother state, and must be so viewed by us.

*Resolved*, that this town are in duty bound to join with and assist our sister towns and colonies in this, our common cause, so as we may be instrumental under God of handing down that liberty to our posterity which hath been kept so long inviolate and preserved by our worthy ancestors."

Then follows a resolution approving the stand taken by Boston and other towns. These resolutions certainly have a ringing sound, which, unless the hint contained in them is heeded by the mother country, foretells the coming of the Fourth of July, three years later. During this same year the dark cloud of war is seen rising on the distant horizon, a cloud it may be, almost ridiculously small—no larger than one field-piece with powder and bullets to match—and yet one which is destined to spread over the entire land, and hang long and low, but finally to be dissipated by the glorious sunlight of liberty. The first indication of arming is in the action of the town, September 28, 1774, when, the record says, "Voted to procure a good field-piece, called a six-pounder." "By vote, chose Nathaniel Sherman to procure a supply of bullets and shot to load said field-piece." "By vote, chose Thomas Davidson to command said field-piece." "Put to vote to see if the town will choose a committee to provide for the soldiers of Grafton, in case they are called to battle. Passed in the affirmative." These are the mutterings of war which were heard more than six months before the battle of Lexington. The collectors of taxes were directed to pay none of their receipts into the treasury of the Province. The following February, the 22nd, it was "voted to pay minute men for the time in training in learning the military art." Action was also



taken about this time to encourage home manufactures, and so become independent of England. March 6th, 1775, it was "voted to recommend to each inhabitant of this town to be careful to save their rags suitable for y<sup>e</sup> paper manufactory; that they endeavor to their utmost to supply Henry Prentice and Timothy Fletcher, collectors of y<sup>e</sup> same; and in general support our own manufactories by preferring them to foreign ones." The crisis approaches. A warrant for a town meeting is issued on April 17, the meeting to be held the 24th. It was customary to have these meetings called by the constable, who notified each voter in the town. In this instance the constable made return that he had notified all but two or three, "which by reason of the special alarm then existing he was prevented opportunity to complete."

Darkness closed in upon the country on the 19th of April, 1775, but it was no night for sleep. Heralds on swift relays of horses transmitted the war-message from hand to hand, till village repeated it to village. On the morning succeeding the battle the Massachusetts Committee of Safety addressed the following to the several towns in the State: "We conjure you, by all that is dear, by all that is sacred; we beg and entreat, as you will answer it to your country, to your consciences, and above all, to God Himself, that you will hasten and encourage, by all possible means, the enlistment of men to form the army; and send them forward to headquarters at Cambridge with that expedition which the vast importance and instant urgency of the affair demands." The people of Massachusetts had not waited for the call. The country people, as soon as they heard the cry of innocent blood from the ground, snatched their fire-locks from the walls; and wives, mothers and sisters took part in preparing the men of their households to go forth to the war. About noon on the day of the battle the people of Grafton were thoroughly acquainted with the fact that the British were on the march to Concord to destroy



the military stores at that place. The citizens at once gathered on the Common, and before the setting of the sun two companies, consisting of nearly one hundred men, were on the march to Cambridge,\* where they arrived the following morning. These companies comprised nearly the whole efficient male population of the town, and included the young and old. The whole strength of the town went out to war, and left behind none but the young, the feeble, and the aged. The fields were deserted and the domestic circle broken up—and the places of industry abandoned. When the companies arrived at Cambridge, the fatal blow had been struck, which eventually led to independence. After arriving at Cambridge the several companies were employed a number of weeks in forming a more perfect organization, and several returned home. From this time until the close of the war, several of the inhabitants of this town were constantly in the service. Some of them were in almost every battle and campaign in the northern section of the country; and at one time, no less than twenty were in the army in New York. Many of them fell victims, either in battle, or by disease caused by suffering and privation. Some of the sick returned home, and spread pestilence among the people. This was the case in 1776, when a greater mortality occurred than in any other year since the settlement of the town, the whole number of deaths being fifty-seven. The average number of deaths in town, from 1773 to 1793, was fifteen; the largest in 1776, and the smallest number, four, in 1793. Not a year passed, in which contributions in clothing and provisions for the army were not made,—and made, too, with a liberality that but few towns of the size surpassed. In 1780, the grants of the town for the use of the army amounted to £95,500 of the depreciated currency,† which, though very low at that time,

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\* They were accompanied a portion of the way by the minister of the town, Rev. Daniel Grosvenor.

† At this time, a pound of beef cost thirty shillings in this money.

made a sum that pressed heavily on the people, and took from them their entire income. After the close of the war, when an attempt was made to restore to the Tories the property that the government had confiscated, and to permit them again to return to the State, the people of this town instructed their representative to the General Court, "not to give his assent to any act, which shall give the most trifling compensation or restitution to those who adhered to Great Britain, or to permit them ever to return and live in this State."

From this time, the records of the town bear a striking resemblance to those which have been made in our day. Committees are appointed to "deal out their family blankets to supply the soldiers." It is voted "to order the town treasurer to give notes upon interest, at twenty pounds each man, to the number of twenty-four men, that shall enlist for the expedition for New York," also "to give twenty pounds to each man who shall enlist for the northern expedition." A vote is passed "to give thirty pounds to each man that shall enlist into the army for three years or the war." A committee was appointed to collect money and clothing for the Continental soldiers, and the report of said committee, with list of donors, and of amounts and articles donated, follows. The last warrant issued in the name of His Majesty, was that of April 17, 1775, of which I have already spoken. A month later the warrant was "in pursuant of a resolve of Congress," and in May, 1776, it was "in the name of the government and people of Massachusetts Bay." June 7, 1776, it was voted to \* "comply with the resolve of

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\* MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
May 10, 1776.

*Resolved*, as the opinion of this house, that the inhabitants of each town in this colony ought, in full meeting warned for that purpose, to advise the person or persons who shall be chosen to represent them in the next General Court, whether that, if the honorable congress should, for the safety of the said colonies, declare them independent of the

the House of Representatives concerning independence from the kingdom of Great Britain." This was only a month before the declaration of independence. The articles of confederation were assented to January 23, 1778. In April of that same year the town refused, by a vote of sixty-six to one, to approve of a State constitution submitted by the Legislature. The same constitution was rejected in the State by a vote of 10,000 to 2,000; Boston voting against it unanimously.\*

We find traces of disaffection, however, in these days, and, if Grafton did not have actual Tories, there were some suspected characters. In April, 1777, a member of the committee to hire men for service in the Continental army, was dismissed by vote of the town, because "not firm and friendly to this State." The following July, however, he was restored to his position upon his own petition. They also had their financial troubles, and tried the ever popular and never successful experiment of seeking relief in legislation. An act was passed to "prevent monopoly and oppression";† in other words, to keep down prices, which, as demand increased and production diminished, and paper money fluctuated in value, manifested a strong upward tendency. In our own State a powerful party arose, which complained that the Governor's salary was too high, the Senate aristocratic, the Congress extortionate, and taxes too burdensome to bear; they demanded an issue of paper money, and the removal of the General Court from Boston. This party finally resorted to arms, and the movement is known as "Shays' Rebellion." The insurgents prevented the holding of courts in Worcester and Springfield, and attempted to

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kingdom of Great Britain, they, the said inhabitants, will solemnly engage, with their lives and fortunes, to support the Congress in the measure.

SAMUEL FREEMAN, *Speaker*.

—Journal of the House of Representatives; *Note*.

\* Barry's History of Mass., 3d period, p. 175.

† See pages 75, 76 and 77.

capture the arsenal at the latter place. The inhabitants of this town seem to have sympathized with this movement, and probably some of them actually took up arms. At all events, a company of Shays' men, marching through the town, were entertained with supper and breakfast by Col. Jonathan Wheeler. That this sympathy was general appears from the instructions given to their representatives to the General Court the next year after the rebellion was quelled, which are in favor of almost every change urged by the insurgents. In these instructions, direction is given to the representative "to use his utmost exertion to obtain a general pardon for all that aided or assisted, or have taken up arms, in what the Governor and General Court *styled* rebellion, &c." This crisis safely passed, the town, in common with the country in general, gradually entered upon a career of growth and prosperity.

Among the events of the Revolution, none afford stronger evidence of the wisdom and patriotism of the people of Massachusetts, than the constitution of government which they adopted in 1780. A period of revolution is not propitious to the formation of civil government, and to us it is a matter of surprise, that one should have been framed and ratified with so few imperfections. It was adopted with a degree of unanimity, that could hardly have been expected. Yet like all other civil governments, it had its opponents, and at the present time, after an experience of nearly one hundred years, it is a matter of some curiosity, if not of utility, to examine their objections. A meeting was held in this town, June 5, 1780, for the purpose of considering the constitution, which was taken up, examined, and voted on, article by article. To the first article of the bill of rights, there was no objection. To the second, a small majority was opposed, because "they thought their duty should not be included in the declaration of their rights." The vote on the third article, which required all to support public worship, and which was afterwards expunged, was nineteen in the



affirmative, and forty-three in the negative. They objected to it, because "it restricted them in the free exercise of their religion, and might be so construed as to affect their rights of conscience." The twelfth article, which secured to the citizens the right of trial by jury, was opposed by a large majority, because it did not provide that the jurors should be chosen, as they had been heretofore, and that their usual number should be preserved. Sixteen voted in the affirmative, and twenty-seven in the negative, on the article relating to judicial officers. They objected to it, because they thought they ought to be chosen annually, and should have no salary secured to them for a longer term than one year.

The following lists were found in the Secretary of State's office, at the State House. The books from which they were taken were not indexed, and the papers not arranged:—

A muster roll of the Minute men, under the command of Capt. Luke Drury, General Ward's regiment, who marched from Grafton, in the County of Worcester, on the 19th day of April, 1775:—

RETURNED.	Time of Service.
Luke Drury, Captain, . . . . .	4 days.
Elijah Rice, Drummer, . . . . .	5 "
Zadock Putman, Fifer, . . . . .	5 "
Jonas Brown, Private, . . . . .	4 "
Solomon Brooks, Private, . . . . .	7 "
Jonah Goulding, " . . . . .	5 "
Mattias Rice, " . . . . .	7 "
William Moore, " . . . . .	5 "
Ebenezer Melendy, " . . . . .	7 "
Joseph Leland, " . . . . .	5 "
Moses Sherman, " . . . . .	7 "
Samuel Stearnes, " . . . . .	7 "
Ebenezer Leland, " . . . . .	7 "
Ebenezer Phillips, " . . . . .	5 "
Shelomith Stow, " . . . . .	5 "
Isaac Brigham, " . . . . .	7 "
Peter Butler, " . . . . .	7 "
William Walker, " . . . . .	5 "
Thomas Pratt, " . . . . .	7 "



ENLISTED.	Time of Service.
Nathaniel Sherman, Lieutenant, . . . . .	12 days.
Moses Harrington, 2nd Lieutenant, . . . . .	22 "
Benjamin Garfield, Sergeant, . . . . .	13 "
Daniel Grout, Private, . . . . .	13 "
Moses Hayden, " . . . . .	6 "
Joseph Warren, " . . . . .	31 "
Nathaniel Ward, Corporal, . . . . .	12 "
Abner Stow, Private, . . . . .	15 "
Joseph Whipple, Private, . . . . .	33 "
Andrew Adams, " . . . . .	32 "
Nathaniel Batcheller, Private, . . . . .	33 "
Nathaniel Brown, " . . . . .	19 "
William Rixford, " . . . . .	16 "
James Wheeler, " . . . . .	22 "
Daniel Warren, " . . . . .	12 "
Daniel Druce, " . . . . .	16 "
Caleb Rice, " . . . . .	20 "
John Thurston, " . . . . .	27 "
Joel Turner, " . . . . .	27 "
Nathaniel Whitney, Jr., " . . . . .	15 "
Daniel Axtell, " . . . . .	12 "
John Clayton, " . . . . .	12 "
Samuel Elliot, " . . . . .	8 "
Phineas Leland, " . . . . .	7 "
Samuel Leland, " . . . . .	9 "
Andrew Waters, " . . . . .	15 "
Solomon Goodell, " . . . . .	20 "

"A muster roll of a company of the militia in y<sup>e</sup> Hon. Artemas Ward, Esq.'s regiment, commanded by Capt. Aaron Kimball, which marched on y<sup>e</sup> alarm, April 19th, 1775, by order, for defense of American rights, &c." :—

	Marched.	Dismissed.
Aaron Kimball, Captain, . . . . .	April 19.	May 15.
James Whipple, Lieutenant, . . . . .	"	" 18.
Thomas Davison, 2nd Lieutenant, . . . . .	"	" 18.
Benja. Goddard, Sergeant, . . . . .	"	" 18.
Jona. Stow, " . . . . .	"	" 18.
Timo. Fletcher, " . . . . .	"	" 15.
Philn. Stacy, " . . . . .	"	" 3.
Nathan Morse, " . . . . .	"	April 22.
John Whipple, Corporal, . . . . .	"	May 18.
Perly Batchellor, " . . . . .	"	" 3.

	Marched.	Dismissed.
Nahum Stone, ( <i>sic</i> ) Corporal, . . .	April 19,	May 15.
Thos. Axtell, Private, . . . . .	"	" 18.
Jona. Chandler, " . . . . .	"	" 4.
Nath'l Grover, " . . . . .	"	April 26.
Noah B. Kimball, Private, . . . . .	"	" 28.
Spencer Maynerd, " . . . . .	"	" 29.
Timo. Merriam, " . . . . .	"	May 1.
Jos. Merriam, " . . . . .	"	" 15.
John Willard, " . . . . .	"	April 29.
Joshua Willard, " . . . . .	"	" 29.
Ephm. Willard, " . . . . .	"	" 29.
Simon Willard, " . . . . .	"	" 24.
Daniel Whipple, " . . . . .	"	May 4.
Samuel Whipple, " . . . . .	"	April 27.
Mr. Temple, ( <i>sic</i> ) " . . . . .	"	" 21.
Michiah Fay, " . . . . .	"	May 9.
Simon Brooks, " . . . . .	April 20.	April 27.
Zaccra Warren, " . . . . .	"	" 28.
Jonathan Wood, " . . . . .	April 21.	" 26.

Those after named enlisted into y<sup>e</sup> army y<sup>e</sup> day affixed to their names:—

	Marched.	Dismissed.
Aaron Willard, Private, . . . . .	April 21.	April 26.
Edward Butteric, " . . . . .	"	"
Fortune Barnee, " . . . . .	"	"
Eseck Dexter, " . . . . .	"	"
William Evans, " . . . . .	"	"
David Forbush, " . . . . .	"	"
Nathan Flagge, " . . . . .	"	"
Eliphlet Smith, " . . . . .	"	"
George Smith, " . . . . .	"	"
Elisha Aldrick, " . . . . .	"	"
Joshua Whitney, " . . . . .	"	"

A muster roll of the company, under the command of Capt. Luke Drury, in Col. Jonathan Ward's regiment, to the first of August, 1775:—

Luke Drury, Captain.	Thomas Pratt, Private.
Asaph Sherman, 1st Lieutenant.	Benjamin Grover, "
Jonas Brown, 2nd Lieutenant.	Zebulon Daniels, "
Nathan Morse, Sergeant.	Solomon Stow, "
Shelomith Stow, "	Thomas Leland, 2nd, "
Ebenezer Phillips, "	Edward Buttrick, "
Jonah Goulding, "	Aaron Willard, "

William Walker, Corporal.	Elisha Aldrich,	Private.
Joseph Leland, “	Forten Burnea,	“
*William Moore, “	Eliphalet Smith,	“
Elijah Rice, Drummer.	George Smith,	“
Zadock Putnam, Fifer.	†Samuel Heard,	“
Solomon Brooks, Private.	Esick Dexter,	“
Mathias Rice, “	William Evans,	“
Ebenezer Melendy, “	Jaozaniah How,	“
Moses Sherman, “	Ebenezer Wadsworth,	“
Samuel Stearnes, “	Micajah Fay,	“
Ebenezer Leland, “	Thomas Wilson,	“
Isaac Brigham, “	Joseph Anthony,	“
Peter Butler, “		

The following is a copy of a warrant drawn on the Treasurer of Massachusetts, for £21, 15s. 4½ pence, in favor of Soldiers in the Revolutionary war:—

*“ To the Honorable Council of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, now sitting in Watertown:—*

According to your warrant to us directed, we have assembled the companies within the regiment to which we are appointed, for the choice of officers, and the several companies have made choice of the several gentlemen for the offices hereafter mentioned.”

The following were from Grafton:—

First Company.—Captain, Aaron Kimball.

1st Lieutenant, Seth Rice.

2nd “ Amos Rice.

Tenth Company.—Captain, Nathaniel Sherman.

1st Lieutenant, James Whipple.

2nd “ Joseph Warren.

Field officers of the Sixth Regiment, in the County of Worcester:—

John Goulding, Colonel.

Levi Brigham, Lieutenant-Colonel.

Job Cushing, Major.

Moses Wheelock.

RUTLAND DISTRICT, July 3d, 1776.

\* Died 17th day of August, 1775, on command at Canada.

† Died 17th day of June, in battle of Bunker Hill.

The following Grafton men were in Capt. Timothy Brigham's company, of Col. Job Cushing's regiment, who were called out on an alarm to assist the Northern Army, and were discharged at Bennington, Vt. :—

Ebenezer Melendy.

Moses Harrington.

In a list of men procured from the County of Worcester, for the term of nine months from the time of their arrival at Fisk Kills, N. Y., are the following in Captain Warren's company, of Colonel Cushing's regiment :—

Elijah Stanton.

James Forbush.

David Brown.

Cesar Powarey (Negro).

Jacob How.

Joseph Aaron (Indian).

Roll of Capt. Joseph Warren's company, who marched on an alarm for Bennington, when the enemy came there :—

	1777. Date of Engagement.	Service, Days.	Date of Discharge.
Joseph Warrin, Captain, . . . .	August 21.	5	August 26.
Joseph Whipple, 1st Lieutenant,	"	5	"
Philemon Stacy, 2d Lieutenant, .	"	5	"
Nathan Morse, Sergeant, . . .	"	5	"
Andrew Adams, " . . .	"	5	"
Zadock Putnam, " . . .	"	5	"
John Whipple, " . . .	"	5	"
Solomon Brooks, Corporal, . .	"	5	"
Abner Stow, " . .	"	5	"
Spencer Maynard, " . .	"	5	"
Moses Sherman, " . .	"	5	"
Abijah Herrington, Fifer, . . .	"	5	"
Nathaniel Adams, Private, . . .	"	5	"
Daniel Axtell, " . . .	"	5	"
Ezekiel Bruce, " . . .	"	5	"
John Brooks, " . . .	"	5	"
Nath'l Batcheller, " . . .	"	5	"
Isaac Brigham, " . . .	"	5	"
Elijah Brooks, " . . .	"	5	"
Jonathan Chandler, " . . .	"	5	"
Ebenezer Cutler, Jr., " . . .	"	5	"
Zebulon Daniels, " . . .	"	5	"
Stephen Eager, " . . .	"	5	"
Nathan Flagg, " . . .	"	5	"
Isaiah Fairbanks, " . . .	"	5	"
Solomon Goodell, " . . .	"	5	"
Eliakim Garfield, " . . .	"	5	"
Nath'l Grover, " . . .	"	5	"
John Golding, Jr., " . . .	"	5	"

1777.			Service, Days.	Date of Discharge.
Date of Engagement.				
Jonathan Hall,	Private,	August 21.	5	August 26.
Josiah Holbrook,	"	"	5	"
Noah Brooks Kimball,	"	"	5	"
Levi Leland,	"	"	5	"
Thomas Learned,	"	"	5	"
Timothy Merriam,	"	"	5	"
Winslow Maynard,	"	"	5	"
Samuel Prentice,	"	"	5	"
Aaron Rice,	"	"	5	"
Jonathan Robardson,	"	"	5	"
Benja. Rockwood, Jr.,	"	"	5	"
John Stacy,	"	"	5	"
John Thurston,	"	"	5	"
Timothy Temple,	"	"	5	"
Noah Vilas,	"	"	5	"
Nath'l Ward,	"	"	5	"
Aaron Willard,	"	"	5	"
James Wheeler,	"	"	5	"
Joseph Wood, Jr.,	"	"	5	"

N. B.—The above roll does not specify *any localities*.

A pay roll of Capt. Joseph Warrin's company, in the regiment commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Wheelock, in the service of the Massachusetts Bay militia, raised for thirty days, including time to return home:—

MEN'S NAMES.	Rank.	Date of Engagement.	Date of Discharge.
		Sept., 1777.	Oct., 1777.
Joseph Warrin, . . . . .	Captain.	September 27.	October 23.
Jonathan Grout, . . . . .	Lieutenant.	"	" "
Timothy Whitney, . . . .	"	"	" 17.
Shelomith Stow, . . . . .	Sergeant.	"	" 23.
Aaron Temple, . . . . .	"	"	" 17.
Daniel Chamblin, . . . . .	"	"	" 23.
Jonathan Maynard, . . . .	"	"	" "
Spencer Maynard, . . . .	Corporal.	"	" "
Samuel Leland, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Job Spafford, . . . . .	"	"	" 17.
John Baker, . . . . .	Captain.	"	" "
Stephen Tantor, . . . . .	Drummer.	"	" "
Abijah Herrington, . . . .	Fifer.	"	" "
Peter Ward, . . . . .	Private.	"	" "



MEN'S NAMES.	Rank.	Date of Engagement. Sept., 1777.	Date of Discharge. Oct., 1777.
Abil Holt, . . . . .	Private.	September 27.	October 23.
George Smith, . . . . .	"	"	" "
David Andras, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Samuel Andras, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Elijah Brooks, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Phenias Brigham, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Ebenezer Brigham, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Moses Cutler, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Jonathan Chandler, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Isaac Davis, . . . . .	"	"	" 7.
Matthew Devenport, . . . . .	"	"	" 23.
Seth Fay, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Asa Furbush, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Stephen Flagg, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Amos Fuller, . . . . .	"	"	" 13.
David Goodell, . . . . .	"	"	" 23.
John Goddard, . . . . .	"	"	" 13.
Israel Keyes, . . . . .	"	"	" 23.
Thomas Learned, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Fortina Miller, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Joseph Morse, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Daniel Maynard, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Calvin Maynard, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Stephen Maynard, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Nathan Nelson, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Daniel Nurse, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Daniel Oaks, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Stephen Partridge, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Oliver Peirce, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Benja. Rockwood, Jr., . . . . .	"	"	" "
John Stacy, . . . . .	"	"	" "
David Stow, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Paul Warfield, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Jonathan Warrin, . . . . .	"	"	" "
James Wheeler, . . . . .	"	"	" "
John Wright, . . . . .	"	"	" 5.
Daniel Heric, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Benja. Hardy, . . . . .	"	"	" "
Ephraim Lyon, . . . . .	"	"	" 7.
Aaron Keyes, . . . . .	"	"	" 23.

Sworn to before

CHARLES BRIGHAM.

WORCESTER, SS., April 6, 1778.

A State's pay-roll of Capt. Ephraim Lyon's company of militia, which join'd Colonel Wade's regiment for twenty-one days, from the Massachusetts Bay, who ingaged the 20th of June, 1778, and joined said reg't June y<sup>e</sup> 22nd, with the allowance of one day for every twenty miles to the place of their abode:—

MEN'S NAMES.	Rank.	Date of Engagement.	Date of Discharge.	Time of Service.
Ephraim Lyon, . . . . .	Captain.	June 19.	July 13.	27 days.
Seth Rice, . . . . .	Lieutenant.	"	"	"
Joseph Bond, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Beriah Ware, . . . . .	Sergeant.	" 20.	"	26 "
Elisha Crosby, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Philip Johnson, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Aaron Fay, . . . . .	"	" 24.	"	22 "
Ebenezer Ingelsbee, . .	Corporal.	" 20.	"	26 "
Nath'l Adams, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Thomas Pratt, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Benja. Brigham, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Calven Rice, . . . . .	Fifer.	"	"	"
Stephen Taynter, . . . . .	Drum.	"	"	"
Elnathan Allen, . . . . .	Private.	"	"	"
Jona. Anger, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Stephen Barthrick, . . . .	"	"	"	"
Micha Briare, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
William Bennet, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Joel Brooks, Jr., . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Nathan Ball . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Timothy Bellows, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Jona. Brigham, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Humphry Biglo, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Barna Biglo, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Smith Butler, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Ebenezer Brigham, . . . .	"	"	"	"
Joseph Collens, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Daniel Cook, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Elmer Cushing, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
William Collens, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Ralph Daniels, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Abraham Fay, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Ruben Gorse, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Nath'l Garfield, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Jno. Goulding, Jr., . . . .	"	"	"	"
Moses Harrington, Jr., . .	"	"	"	"

MEN'S NAMES.	Rank.	Date of Engagement.	Date of Discharge.	Time of Service.
Elijah Fay, . . . . .	Private.	June 20.	July 13.	days 26.
Jacob Hemenway, . . .	"	"	"	"
David Hastings, . . . .	"	"	"	"
Jonas Hemenway, . . .	"	"	"	"
Abel Holt, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Timothy Haywood, . . .	"	"	"	"
Caleb Harrington, . . .	"	"	"	"
Nath'l Holbrook, . . . .	"	"	"	"
Asa Hayden, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Aaron Kimball, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Eber Keyes . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Calven Maynard, . . . .	"	"	"	"
Jno. M. Master, . . . .	"	"	"	"
Daniel Maynard, . . . .	"	"	"	"
<i>Torn.</i> { th Morse, . . . .	"	"	"	"
{ ton Newton, . . .	"	"	"	"
Henry Newton, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Josiah Newton, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Nathan Newton, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
John Phillips, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Caleb Parker, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Asa Parker, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Jesse Parker, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Israel Rice, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Jno. Robinson, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
James Rawson (?) . . . .	"	"	"	"
Daniel Reed, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Jacob Smith, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Lewis Smith, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Martin Smith, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Jno. Sadler, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Asaph Sherman, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Joseph Sherman, . . . .	"	"	"	"
Antipas Smith, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Wm. Taylor Stow, . . . .	"	"	"	"
Samuel Warrin, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
John Wright, . . . . .	"	"	"	"
Aaron Warrin, . . . . .	"	"	"	"

Dated "*Grafton, June 5th, 1779.*"

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Pursuant to order of the General Court, Capt. Ephraim Lyon, of the 6th regiment, made a return to the Secretary

of State's office of the names of the men who enlisted or were drafted into the Continental Army, Grafton, December 12, 1777 :—

List of men drafted to serve in the Continental Army, out of Capt. Eph'm Lyon's company of the 6th Worcester County reg't :—

The names of the men engaged in the service.	Towns they belong to.	The town for which enlisted or hired.	The Colonel's name under which they serve.	The time for which they engaged.
Benjamin Grover, . . .	Grafton.	Grafton.	Putnam.	Three years.
George Ross, . . . .	"	"	Biglow.	" "
Levi Dunton, . . . .	"	"	"	During war.
Cyrus Hill, . . . . .	"	"	Wesson.	" "
Solomon Stow, . . . .	"	"	Biglow.	Three years.
James Mortain, . . . .	"	"	"	" "
Samuel Stearns, . . . .	"	"	"	" "
Daniel Johns, . . . . .	"	"	Wesson.	" "
John Readah, . . . . .	England.	"	Biglow.	" "
John Moory, . . . . .	"	"	Wesson.	" "
David Haven, . . . . .	Grafton.	"	Biglow,	" "
William Evens, . . . .	"	"	"	" "
Samuel Willard, . . . .	"	"	"	" "
Isaac Newman, . . . .	"	"	"	" "

GRAFTON, December 12, 1777.

EPH'M LYON, *Captain.*

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

### A R E T U R N .

This may certify that the town of Grafton have invited the persons hereinafter named, to serve as soldiers in the Continental Army for the term of three years. Being their full quota agreeable to a resolve of the General Court, dated December 2, ———, and the whole sum of money advanced by the town, as a hire to said soldiers, are £1,095

in hard money, £1,153, 14s. in old paper currency, and the several sums paid to each soldier are as follows:—

Hezekiah How,	£100	hard money.			
George Ross,	£105	"	"		
Jacob How,	£100	"	"		
Ebenezer Cutler,	£105	"	"		
Samuel Rixford,	£ 75	"	"		
Thaddeus Reed,	£ 90	"	"		
Elijah Stanton,	£100	"	"		
John Stacy,	£105	"	"		
Nath'l Gowing,	£ 90	"	"		
Noah Viles,	£ 75	"	"	and £180	paper money.
Samuel Johns,	£ 75	"	"	" £543	" "
Elijah Bruce,	£ 75	"	"	" £430	" "

In a return of the male inhabitants from sixteen years old and upwards, and also the men engaged in the Continental Army from Worcester County, made February 3, 1778, Grafton is quoted as having 213 male inhabitants; one-seventh part of which were obliged to serve in the army (30); number of men in the service, 29; number of men wanting to complete the required number, 1. These served in Col. Job Cushing's regiment.

List of men drafted to serve in the Continental Army, out of Capt. Joseph Warren's company of the 6th Worcester County reg't:—

NAMES.	Towns.	Drafted for.	Colonel.	Term.
Moses How, . . . . .	Grafton.	Grafton.	Wesson.	Three years.
Peter Butler, . . . . .	"	"	"	" "
David Forbush, Jr., . .	"	"	"	" "
Joseph Antoney, . . .	"	"	"	" "
Andrew Brown, . . . .	"	"	"	" "
Thomas Leland, . . . .	"	"	"	" "
Moses Rawson, . . . .	"	"	"	" "
Elijah Stanton, . . . .	"	"	"	" "
Eliphalet Smith, . . . .	"	"	"	" "
Joseph Smith, . . . . .	"	"	"	" "
Samuel Adams, . . . . .	"	"	"	" "
Michajah Fay, . . . . .	"	"	Putnam.	" "
Eseck Dexter, . . . . .	"	"	Angels.	" "
Edward Buttrick, . . .	"	"	"	" "
Isaac Vibot, . . . . .	"	"	"	" "

GRAFTON, December the 19th, 1777.

JOSEPH WARRIN, *Captain*.



*To the Superintendents for the County of Worcester:—*

We, the subscribers, present you with a list of the men's age, and stature, and complexion, for the town of Grafton, in the sixth and ninth companies in the sixth regiment, in the County of Worcester, whereof Job Cushing, Esq., is colonel, viz:—

Elijah Staton, about 22 years of age, 5 feet, 7 inches high, light complexion.

David Brown, 17 years, 5 feet, 7 inches, dark.

Jacob How, 17 years, 5 feet, 8 inches, dark.

James Forbush, 17 years, 5 feet, 8 inches, dark.

Ceaser Power (or Powarey), a negro man, 21 years, 5 feet, 4 inches.

Joseph Aaron (an Indian), 40 years, 5 feet, 9 inches.

JOSEPH WARRIN, *Captain.*

EPH'M LYON, *Captain.*

GRAFTON, May 25, 1778.\*

#### ENLISTMENT RETURN.

In compliance of a resolve of the General Court, dated June 20, 1778, these are to certify that we have complied with the resolve of the 20th of April last for filling up the fifteen battalions by a detachment to serve for the space of nine months, we have detached six men for the town of Grafton, which was the number assigned the town aforesaid by a resolve of April 20, 1778.

GRAFTON, September 11, 1778

EPH'M LYON, } *Captains for the two*  
 JOS. WARRIN. } *companies in Grafton.*

WORCESTER, ss., Grafton, Sept. 22, 1778.

Then the above named, Jos. Warrin and Eph. Lyon, personally appeared and made oath to the truth of the above certificate, before me, justice of the peace.

CHARLES BRIGHAM.

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\* Enlistment Rolls, Vol. 41—379. Sec. State office.

## RECEIPTS FOR BOUNTIES.

GRAFTON, April 9th, 1781.

Received of the committee, chosen by this town to hire soldiers for three years or during the war, £180 in old Continental money, and £75 in hardy money, which is in full for three years' service:—

			Date enlistment.
	Occupation.	Age.	1781.
Noah Viles, . . . . .	Farmer.	18 years.	April 9.
Samuel Johns, . . . . .	Cooper.	25 "	"
Elijah Bruce, Jr., . . . . .	Farmer.	16 "	"
John Stacy, . . . . .	"	20 "	June 20.
Nathaniel Gowing, . . . . .	—	—	May 14.
Hezekiah How, . . . . .	Farmer.	16 "	June 13.
George Ross, . . . . .	"	19 "	June 5.
Jacob How, . . . . .	Cordwainer.	20 "	June 18.
Ebenezer Cutler, . . . . .	Farmer.	16 "	"
Samuel Rixford, . . . . .	"	16 "	April 9.
Thaddeus Reed, . . . . .	—	—	April 27.
Elijah Stanton, . . . . .	Cordwainer.	20 "	May 17.

In the return of men belonging to the town of Grafton, January, 1781, in the Continental Army, for three years or during the war, was Benjamin Grover, who enlisted in Captain Goodale's company, Colonel Putnam's 5th Massachusetts regiment, April 19, 1779.

The patriotic spirit evinced here during the French and Revolutionary wars, was the same spirit that pervaded the whole of New England. And the greatest honor that this or any other town can have from these events, is in the generous support it has given to all the measures which have created and sustained the free and prosperous institutions it is our fortune to enjoy.

## Grafton in the Civil War of 1861-5.

When the assault was made on Fort Sumter, the nation was roused to the defense of its integrity and existence. In Grafton, as everywhere throughout the North, the spirit of loyalty and devotion to the Union our forefathers had

formed, and the government they had created, welded all discordant sentiments. The news of the attack upon the Massachusetts Sixth Regiment in Baltimore, April 19, 1861, was received in Grafton on the morning of the 20th, and caused great interest and excitement. The selectmen called an informal meeting at the Town Hall in the afternoon; messengers were sent to different parts of the town to notify the inhabitants. At four o'clock P. M. the large Town Hall was filled with citizens. Col. Charles Brigham presided. Benjamin Smith, a soldier of the Revolution, ninety-eight years old, was present and took a seat on the platform. Several patriotic speeches were made, and resolutions adopted for the immediate formation of a military company; and the selectmen were requested "to call a legal town meeting at the earliest possible day," to provide means for equipping and drilling the company. A warrant for the meeting on the 29th, was issued the same evening. A very full meeting was held on the 29th, at which it was voted to appropriate \$4,000 as a fund for organizing the company; each member was to receive \$1 per day while engaged in drilling, and when called into active service each was to receive from the town the same monthly pay as he received from the government. A company was immediately formed, which afterwards was sent to "Camp Scott," in Worcester, and became Company G, of the Fifteenth Regiment, Mass Vols., for three years service. "It is impossible to forget\* the scenes presented in two of these churches, the Sunday before the company departed, when it marched in a body into them to listen to sermons addressed particularly to the members. In the morning, the soldiers' true friend, and afterwards companion, Rev. Mr. Scandlin, addressed them in the Unitarian Church; and what an impression was made, as, in the midst of a terrible thunder and hail storm, he gave out that prophetic and cheering hymn, reading to the

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\* Oration by Rev. E. Frank Howe.

music of rattling hail and rolling thunder, the following words:—

‘Through night to light! And though to mortal eyes  
Creation’s face a pall of horror wear,  
Good cheer! good cheer! The gloom of midnight flies:  
Soon shall a sunrise follow, mild and fair.  
Through storm to calm! And though his thunder-car  
The rumbling tempest drives through earth and sky,  
Good cheer! good cheer! The elemental war  
Tells that a blessed, healing hour is nigh.’

In the afternoon, he who ministered in the pulpit of the Congregational Church for upwards of thirty years, and whose eloquence there are none to question, Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe, delivered to ‘the boys’ a most eloquent and impressive sermon from the text, ‘Quit you like men; be strong.’ Perchance you can now see the little girls, like white robed angels, moving among that band of soldiers after the sermon, and giving to each member a copy of God’s Word of Truth. What stories these Bibles would tell if now gathered and permitted to speak! And you cannot have forgotten how, just before starting, solemn religious services were held upon the common, nor that the company was then escorted to Worcester by the selectmen and citizens, on horseback and in carriages. That parting at the camp, when the soldier-boys were left behind, and loving and honoring relatives and friends returned home to begin the painful watch for tidings, who but they who were there can tell its pain, its hopes, its fears? Cursed be war, and thrice cursed be the evil cause that creates the necessity for it! From that early day to the end of the fearful strife—and many were the dark and disheartening days when evil tidings came—Grafton never faltered in her patriotic devotion. Only one less than a round four hundred men, out of a population of about four thousand, did she send to the war—a number larger by nearly half a hundred than all demands upon her. On the base of yonder beautiful monu-

ment are inscribed, in letters which the patriots coming after us for centuries will keep clear and legible, the names of the fifty-nine victims whom Grafton gave—rather who gave themselves—for the nation's life. These names will be read by children, and children's children, for generation after generation; and, as they are read, voices will come from the scattered graves of the dead, bidding those who read, to love, to honor, to cherish, to defend the institutions for which they laid down their lives.

But while men constitute the most valued treasures given to the nation, yet it must not be forgotten that Grafton was generous with material aid also. With a valuation of property amounting to little more than a million and a half dollars, she paid, for war purposes, the sum of thirty-nine thousand three hundred and fifty dollars, exclusive of State aid. Bearing in mind that, in addition to its other burdens of taxation, Grafton freely poured out of its material treasures nearly forty thousand dollars during the war, and gave one in ten of her entire population to stand in the ranks of the army, and generously surpassed all demands upon her for men, all will agree that it was a well earned compliment which Governor Bullock paid the town, on the day when that monument was dedicated, as he said, \*‘I feel bound in truth and justice, to say that no other town appears to have contributed to the late war a larger proportion than yours of its treasures and its men.’ And to-day, pointing your eyes to that beautiful monument, I say to you in the words of the beloved and honored Scandlin, a worthy successor in the ministry of the patriotic Grosvenor of 1775, †‘I rejoice in the public spirit that could rise above the pressure of taxes and the burden of debt—faithful to its plighted word—true to those who have honored the town by deeds of daring, by the offering of life.’ In behalf of the hundreds of Grafton's sons, whose homes are no longer on

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\* The Worcester *Daily Spy*, October 14th, 1867. † Ibid.



your grand and beautiful hills, nor in your deep and fertile valleys, I say, in all honesty, and with the deepest fervor, we are proud of your record during the war, and in our homes in other villages and cities, and on western prairies, we will teach our children to honor the place of their fathers' nativity, because it has honored itself by a record so grand and glorious!"

Abraham M. Bigelow, Winthrop Faulkner, Rufus E. Warren, Chandler M. Pratt, Jasper S. Nelson, Alfred Morse, Dr. Levi Rawson, Esek Saunders, S. P. Champney, Joseph B. Adams, Charles Brigham, Lawson Munyan, Seth J. Axtell, were a committee from different sections of the town, to whom, in connection with the selectmen, was given the management of the expenditure of the money, and the general supervision of war matters, which continued during the years of the Rebellion.

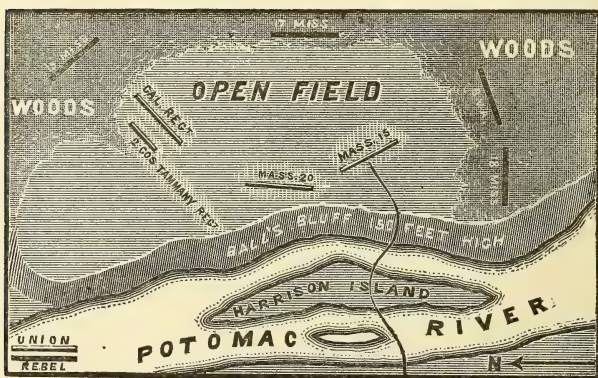
It having been ascertained that the monthly pay could not be assessed, it was not paid after the men were mustered in. The vote, however, shows the liberal and patriotic spirit of the people.

Petitions were presented May 14, 1861, from James W. White, and eighty others of Grafton, and of the commissioned officers of the Twelfth Regiment of Infantry (Colonel Webster), severally, for an act to legalize the appropriations of cities and towns in behalf of the volunteer militia, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The Fifteenth Regiment was recruited in the County of Worcester, at "Camp Lincoln," in the city of Worcester. Major Charles Devens, Jr., who commanded the Second Battalion of Rifles in the three months' service, was appointed colonel. It left the State on the 8th of August, 1861; it bore a prominent part in the battle of Ball's Bluff, of that year, which made it one of the marked regiments of Massachusetts. October 20th, Colonel Devens was sent to Harrison's Island in two flat boats, from the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, bearing four companies of his Massachusetts Fif-

teenth; one company of the same regiment was already there. A reserve, numbering about three thousand men, was held in readiness to co-operate should a battle ensue. In the meantime, a scouting party of about twenty men had been sent out from Harrison's Island, under Captain Philbrick, of the Fifteenth. They ascended a steep bank on the Virginia side, opposite the island, known as Ball's Bluff, which rises about one hundred feet above the Potomac. Philbrick went a short distance toward Leesburg, when he discovered, as he supposed, a small camp of Confederates apparently not well guarded. Upon receiving information of this fact, General Stone, who supposed that McCall was near to assist if necessary, sent orders to Colonel Devens to cross from Harrison's Island with five companies of his regiment, and proceed at dawn to surprise the camp. Colonel Lee was also ordered to cross from the Maryland shore with four companies of his regiment, and a four-oared boat, to occupy the island after Devens' departure, and to send one company to the Virginia shore, to take position on the heights there, and cover his return. Devens advanced at dawn, but the reported camp could not be found. It proved that other objects had been mistaken for tents. After marching to within a mile of Leesburg, he halted and sent a courier to General Stone for further orders. Devens had been closely watched by the vigilant Confederates. He had a slight skirmish with the riflemen, in which one of his men were killed and nine wounded. He then fell back to the bluff, where the remainder of the regiment had been brought over by his lieutenant-colonel, George A. Ward, and his entire force now was only six hundred and twenty-five men. At a little past noon, Devens and his band were assailed by Confederates under Colonels Jenifer and Hunton, in the woods that skirted the open field in which they had halted. Infantry attacked the main body on the left, and cavalry fell upon the skirmishers in front. His men stood their ground firmly; but, being pressed by overwhelm-

ing numbers, and reinforcements not arriving, they fell back about sixty paces to foil an attempt to flank them. This was accomplished, and they took a position about half a mile in front of Colonel Lee, where he was reinforced by Colonel Baker, who took command of all the forces on the bluff, numbering nineteen hundred. They immediately formed in battle order, and awaited attack. The ground on which our forces were compelled to give battle was very unfavorable. It was an open field, surrounded on three sides by a dense forest, and terminating on the fourth at the brow of a high bluff at the river.



The contest began at three o'clock, and instantly became general and severe. Colonel Baker was killed, and Colonel Lee commanded. By a wrong maneuver a very destructive fire, at close distance, was poured upon the whole column by the Mississippi regiment. The soldiers immediately retreated, which instantly became a rout, down the steep bank to the Potomac. As the boats were insufficient, there was no means left for escape but by swimming, and several were shot in the water and drowned. Colonel Devens escaped on his horse, that swam across the turbulent Potomac. Thus

ended, October 22d, 1861, the disastrous battle of Ball's Bluff.\* The Fifteenth and Twentieth Massachusetts regiments, engaged in it, behaved with great gallantry, and suffered severely. This disastrous battle carried grief into many of our Massachusetts families, and depressed the buoyant and patriotic spirit of our people for a time. J. D. Sherman and Elmer N. Newton were killed in this battle.

The Twenty-first Regiment was recruited at "Camp Lincoln," at Worcester. The men belonged to the central and western portions of the Commonwealth. This was one of the five regiments recruited in Massachusetts for special service, designed originally to be commanded by Gen. Thomas W. Sherman, but which command was afterwards given to General Burnside; Augustus Morse, of Leominster, one of the three major-generals of militia of the Commonwealth, was commissioned colonel. A. C. Maggi, of New Bedford, who had volunteered as quartermaster-sergeant in the Third Regiment of the three months' militia, was commissioned lieutenant-colonel. He was an Italian by birth, a citizen by choice, and a thoroughly educated officer. William S. Clarke, professor in Amherst College, was commissioned as major. This regiment, after a brief stay in camp, started for the seat of war August 23, 1861, and first encamped at Annapolis, where for nearly five months it performed the duty of protecting the road to the Capital, and keeping the State of Maryland in the Union. In January, 1862, it started for North Carolina; its colonel, who had been a brigadier-general in the militia, resigned soon after their arrival, and Lieutenant-Colonel Clarke was commissioned colonel the next day. It made part of General Burnside's expedition, and was engaged in the battles at Roanoke Island, at Newbern, and at Camden. The regiment remained South till the famous campaign of General Pope, in

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\* Called by Confederate writers the battle of Leesburg.



July, 1862, when the command of General Burnside was sent in as a reinforcement, and it landed at Aqua Creek so as to take part in the battles at second Bull Run, South Mountain, Chantilly, Antietam and Fredericksburg. At Falmouth it remained on picket duty through the months of December and January, and broke camp without regret February 9, 1863, reaching Paris, Ky., April 1, where the State Fair grounds furnished the men a resting-place of four days, when they proceeded twenty-two miles to Mount Sterling, where it remained three months, vindicating the character and title to respect of Massachusetts troops at the hands of Western men. In July they were at Lexington, and afterwards at Camp Nelson, and started for East Tennessee: 12th September, marching one hundred and eighty-five miles to Knoxville. October 11th, a spirited engagement occurred at Blue Springs, when the Twenty-first drove the enemy from its position, and pursued it twenty-six miles, having marched fifty-one miles to reach that point. From this time to the end of the year their service was severe, and their conduct heroic. They are said to have marched and countermarched through storm and cold without tents, and on half rations, poorly clothed and badly shod, twenty men doing duty through November barefoot, and yet doing their duty cheerfully and with such alacrity as to have acquired the name of the "Fighting Regiment." At the siege of Knoxville they did active duty, being one night on picket, and the next in the rifle-pits; and the 24th November, in company with another picked regiment, they made one of the most brilliant charges of the siege, driving the enemy from the houses, the fences, and the rifle-pits in the neighborhood, and keeping up the work constantly till the siege was raised the 5th December; and though only able to have for their subsistence two ears of corn per day, yet following hard on the footsteps of the retreating enemy, into the woods of East Tennessee; and then, with the memory of what they had passed through, and realizing what was before



them, half starved as they were, they crowned their service of two and a half years by a further enlistment for three years. If any men ever deserved well of their country, surely such as these did. It is worthy of note, that all but thirty-six of the regiment, who were alive and present for duty, became veterans. In January, 1864, they came home on a furlough, and were honored with an enthusiastic reception at Worcester as a regiment. Returning, they were reviewed and welcomed back by President Lincoln, and, marching by the battle-fields of Bull Run and Bristow's Station, to the Rapidan, to co-operate with the army of the Potomac in the final "pounding out" of the Rebellion, they made a part of that force with which Grant said he should "fight it out on that line if it took all summer." They were on the road to Richmond all that year; and in the Wilderness, at Spottsylvania, at North Anna, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, Poplar Spring Creek, and at Hatches Run, they met the shock of arms, and proved veterans in deed as well as in name.

The casualties of the service, and the draft which had been made upon the physical systems of the men, had reduced the numbers of the regiment to that point that it became necessary to break up the organization; and so, on the 18th August, 1864, the regiment was broken up, and its men transferred to the Thirty-sixth Massachusetts, and the officers were mustered out of service, together with the men who had not re-enlisted. The record of this regiment, during its entire period of service, was a most honorable one, and more than once it had the credit of having, by its courage and dash, saved and turned the fortunes of the day, and either achieved a success or prevented a rout. Especially was this true of the first battle of the Wilderness, when the Second Corps gave way, and, rushing across the lines of the Ninth, threw everything into confusion; then the Twenty-first Massachusetts and the One Hundredth Pennsylvania, succeeded in restoring order out of confusion, and

prevented the entire destruction of the army. All honor, then, to the officers and men of the Twenty-first Massachusetts!

The Twenty-fifth Regiment was raised in Worcester County, and was organized at "Camp Lincoln," Worcester. It left the State for Annapolis, October 31, 1861, and formed a part of General Burnside's division. The field officers were Edward Upton, Fitchburg, colonel; A. B. R. Sprague, Worcester, lieutenant-colonel; M. J. McCafferty, Worcester, major. These men had held commissions in the volunteer service, and were possessed of considerable military knowledge.

The Fifty-first Regiment was recruited at "Camp John E. Wool," Worcester. On November 11th, the regiment was ordered to Newbern, N. C. A few days afterwards it came to Boston, and entered on board a transport, and proceeded at once to its destination. A. B. R. Sprague, of Worcester, was colonel.

The following are the names of all persons who enlisted or served during the war of the late Rebellion, from this town. The figures which follow the name represents the age of the person at enlistment; the first date is the date of muster; and the latter the date of the termination of service, and cause thereof. Where no explanation is given, it is understood to be the date of expiration of service:—

#### THIRD BATTALION RIFLEMEN.

##### *Company B.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Champney, Preston A., . . . .	20	May 19, 1861.	
Gee, James S. W., . . . . .	27	" "	
Hayes, Martin M., . . . . .	18	" "	Disability.

##### *Company C.*

Dunn, John . . . . .	23	May 19, 1861.	
Jennings, Edward . . . . .	20	" "	

#### FORTY-SECOND REGIMENT, INFANTRY. (100 DAYS).

##### *Company G.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Cook, Walter I., . . . . .	18	July 21, 1864.	
Farrar, George A., . . . . .	21	" "	

## SIXTEENTH REGIMENT, INFANTRY. (100 DAYS).

*Company F.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Dehron, Silvain . . . . .	32	July 20, 1864.	
Terrill, Edward . . . . .	20	" "	

## FORTY-SECOND REGIMENT, INFANTRY. (NINE MONTHS).

*Company F.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Pratt, Henry W. . . . .	25	Sept. 30, 1862.	Dec. 3, 1862. Disability.

## FIFTY-FIRST REGIMENT, INFANTRY. (NINE MONTHS).

*Company C.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Greene, Robert E., . . . . .	19	Sept. 25, 1862.	July 27, 1863.

*Company E.*

William F. Wheeler, Captain . . .	—	Sept, 25, 1862.	July 25, 1863.
George F. Jourdan, 2nd Lieut. 26		" "	" "
James Gleason, Sergeant . 35		" "	" "
John W. Bigelow, " . 28		" "	" "
James W. McKenzie, " . 32		" "	" "
John Wheeler, " . 33		" "	March 21, 1863. Disability.
Seth J. Axtell, Corporal . . 20		" "	July 27, 1863.
John F. Searle, " . . 22		" "	" "
Daniel C. Brown, " . . 24		" "	" "
Joseph K. Axtell, " . . 27		" "	" "
James E. McClellan, " . . 24		" "	Drowned in Chesapeake Canal.
George Ferry, Musician . . . 18		" "	July 27, 1863.
Dwight L. Moore, Wagoner . 29		" "	" "
Aldrich, Ira C., . . . . . 18		" "	" "
Balcom, Willard . . . . . 33		" "	Feb. 7, 1863. Disability.
Bartlett, George A., . . . . . —		" "	July 25, 1863.
Biscoe, Arthur G., . . . . . 20		" "	" 27, 1863.
Caswell, Moses S., . . . . . 18		" "	March 3, 1863. Disability.
Chamberlin, Edward F. . . . 27		" "	July 27, 1863.
Copp, William A., . . . . . 18		" "	" "
Daniels, Marcus . . . . . 21		" "	" "
Davis, James . . . . . 27		" "	" "
Drury, John H., . . . . . 18		" "	" "
Fisher, William H., . . . . . 28		" "	" "
Fletcher, William C., . . . . 19		" "	" "

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
French, Charles W., . . . . .	18	Sept. 25, 1862.	Died Mar. 1, 1863, Newbern, N. C.
French, George H., . . . . .	21	" "	July 27, 1863.
Garvin, Lucius F. C., . . . . .	21	" "	" "
Gifford, Welcom F., . . . . .	—	" "	" "
Goddard, Perley . . . . .	28	" "	" "
Hammond, William H., . . . . .	21	" "	" "
Holden, Charles J., . . . . .	31	" "	" "
Kempton, Russell A., . . . . .	22	" "	" "
Lathe, Cheney, Jr., . . . . .	18	" "	" "
Leland, John J., . . . . .	21	" "	" "
Munroe, Charles . . . . .	19	" "	Died Jan. 23, 1863, Newbern, N. C.
Pogue, John . . . . .	19	" "	July 27, 1863.
Pratt, George B., . . . . .	28	" "	" "
Pratt, Otis B., . . . . .	36	" "	" "
Pratt, Samuel H., . . . . .	21	" "	Died Feb. 2, 1863, Newbern, N. C.
Taft, Emory A., . . . . .	40	" "	July 27, 1863.
Van Curan, Abram . . . . .	43	" "	" "
Walker, James S., . . . . .	24	" "	Jan. 30, 1863. Disability.
Walcott, Lyman A., . . . . .	21	" "	Died June 16, 1863, Newbern, N. C.
Waters, Andrew . . . . .	37	" "	July 27, 1863.
Webster, George C., . . . . .	18	" "	" "
Wesson, Henry A., . . . . .	20	" "	" "
<i>Company I.</i>			
Jourdan, Asa H., . . . . .	28	" "	" "

## SIXTH REGIMENT, HEAVY ARTILLERY. (THREE YEARS).

*Company C.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
McLoughlin, John . . . . .	22	Aug. 4, 1863.	Sept. 3, 1865.

*Company G.*

McHenery, James . . . . .	42	" "	Died Aug. 22, 1863, in a rebel prison.
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## SECOND REGIMENT, HEAVY ARTILLERY. (THREE YEARS).

*Company I.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Davis, Mariner O., . . . . .	18	Dec. 11, 1863.	Died Oct. 20, 1864, Newbern, N. C.

## THIRD REGIMENT, HEAVY ARTILLERY. (THREE YEARS).

*Company K.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Skinner, Charles . . . . .	26	May 12, 1864.	Sept. 18, 1865.

## FIRST BATTALION, HEAVY ARTILLERY. (THREE YEARS).

*Company F.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Fletcher, William C., Sergeant.	20	Aug. 15, 1864.	June 28, 1865.
Gleason, James	" 37	" "	" "
Searle, John F.,	" 25	" "	" "
Chamberlin, Edward F., Corp.	29	" "	" "
Newton, George M.,	" 24	Aug. 8, "	" "
Plaisted, Simeon M.,	" 25	Aug. 15, "	" "
Ferry, George W., Musician .	18	" "	" "
Allen, Simon B., Artificer . .	21	" "	" "
Axtell, Cyrus R.,	" . 18	" "	" "
Balcom, Marcus D.,	" . 27	" "	" "
Bartlett, George A., . . . .	32	" "	" "
Bigelow, Alden M., . . . .	18	" "	" "
Boynton, Ambrose . . . .	18	" "	" "
Brophy, John . . . . .	29	" "	" "
Bruce, Marcus M., . . . .	32	" "	" "
Burns, Alanson E., . . . .	21	" "	" "
Chickering, Jonas H., . . . .	33	" "	" "
Drury, John H., . . . . .	21	" "	" "
Estabrook, George F., . . . .	18	" "	" "
French, George H., . . . . .	23	" "	" "
Frissell, George E., . . . . .	18	" "	" "
Goddard, John H., . . . . .	21	" "	" "
Hall, Samuel D., . . . . .	20	" "	" "
Hammond, William H., . . . .	23	" "	" "
Keith, Edward W., . . . . .	21	" "	" "
Kelsey, Darwin N., . . . . .	34	" "	" "
Leland, Samuel E., . . . . .	32	" "	" "
Magrath, James W., . . . . .	35	" "	" "
Mann, Henry . . . . .	30	" "	" "
McClellan, John E., . . . . .	18	" "	" "
Mellor, James . . . . .	44	" "	" "
Nichols, Jonathan E., . . . . .	40	" "	" "
Pierce, Simon T., . . . . .	21	" "	" "
Pratt, George B., . . . . .	31	" "	" "
Pratt, Luke G., . . . . .	18	" "	" "
Prentice, John E., . . . . .	30	" "	" "
Putnam, William H., . . . . .	33	" "	" "
Remick, Nathaniel P., . . . . .	32	" "	" "
Riggs, Ira J., . . . . .	36	" "	" "
Robinson, Henry F., . . . . .	21	" "	" "
Stowe, Ithamer F., . . . . .	26	" "	" "
Stratton, James B., . . . . .	35	" "	" "
Stratton, George K., . . . . .	18	" "	" "



	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Truax, Richard . . . . .	24	Aug. 15, 1864.	June 28, 1865.
Walcott, Frederick F., . . . .	18	" "	" "
Webster, George C. N., . . . .	20	" "	" "
White, Charles A., . . . . .	19	" "	" "
Wood, Azor B., . . . . .	37	" "	" "
Wood, William S., . . . . .	40	" "	" "
Young, Thomas . . . . .	21	" "	" "

## UNASSIGNED RECRUITS.

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Mulqueeney, Patrick . . . . .	26	Feb. 4, 1865.	Deserted March 19, 1865.
Colburn, Franklin C., . . . .	28	March 22, 1864.	Deserted May 12, 1864.
Faerl, John . . . . .	26	April 30, 1864.	
Whitney, Frederick . . . . .	18	July 30, 1862.	June, 1865.
Brigham, Phineas F., . . . .	32	Jan. 5, 1864.	Jan. 9, 1864, rejected recruit.

## SECOND REGIMENT OF CAVALRY. (THREE YEARS).

*Company I.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
McCallen, John C., . . . . .	25	March 7, 1863.	July 7, 1865, Disability.

*\* Reed's Company.*

Amsden, Albert D., . . . . .	19	Nov. 15, 1861.	Died May 13, 1862, in New Orleans, La.
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## FOURTH REGIMENT OF CAVALRY. (THREE YEARS).

*Company C.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Cady, Henry K., Sergeant . . .	32	Jan. 6, 1864.	March 1, 1865, pro- moted in U. S. C. V.
Walcott, George W., Corporal.	18	" "	Nov. 14, 1865.
Clafin, Charles . . . . .	22	" "	April 1, 1865. Disability.
Peckham, Henry A., . . . . .	38	" "	April 1, 1865.

*Company D.*

Fullerton, William S., . . . .	38	" "	" "
Howe, Charles E., . . . . .	18	" "	" "

*Company F.*

Bigelow, Edward E., . . . . .	18	" "	" "
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\* Originally First Unattached Company of Cavalry; afterwards known as "Reed's Company."

*Company H.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge,
Smith, Edward R., Q. M. Serg't	21	Jan. 6, 1864.	July 29, 1864. Disability.
Gibbs, Ira S., Com. Sergeant	33	" "	Nov. 14, 1865.
Pratt, Edward W., Corporal	18	" "	" "

## TWELFTH REGIMENT, INFANTRY. (THREE YEARS).

*Company D.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Putnam, Charles . . . . .	29	July 14, 1863.	Trans. June 25, 1864, to 39th Inf'try.

## FIFTEENTH REGIMENT, INFANTRY. (THREE YEARS).

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Rev. W. G. Scandlin, Chaplain	33	Aug. 5, 1861.	Resigned Aug. 12, 1862.
Walter Forehand, Captain . .	35	Aug. 1, "	Resigned Oct. 9, 1862.
Henry T. Dudley, " . .	22	Dec. 3, 1863.	Trans. 1864, to 20th Infantry.
Newell K. Holden, 1st Lieut. .	24	Aug. 1, 1861.	Resigned April 27, 1862.
Charles M. Batchelder, " .	33	Jan. 3, 1863.	Declined pro- motion.
Stephen L. Kearney, 2nd Lieut.	26	Aug. 1, 1861.	Resigned Jan. 16, 1862.
Albert A. Smith, " .	30	Oct. 24, 1862.	Declined com- mission.

*Company A.*

Colburn, Franklin C., . . . .	28	Aug. 23, 1862.	Dis. Mar. 22, 1864, to re-enlist.
Colburn, Franklin C., . . . .	30	March 23, 1864.	Trans. 1864, to 20th Infantry.

*Company C.*

Minot, Joseph . . . . .	24	Aug. 7, 1862.	
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*Company D.*

Cobb, Andrew S., . . . . .	—	July 12, 1861.	
Cummings, S. L., . . . . .	—	" "	
Childs, George G., . . . . .	—	" "	
Daniels, James . . . . .	—	" "	
Blodgett, William . . . . .	—	" "	
Bond, Herbert . . . . .	19	" "	Aug. 23, 1861. Disability.
Sibley, Augustus . . . . .	25	Aug. 7, "	May 1, 1862. Disability.

*Company E.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Brown, Horace C., . . . . .	25	Jan. 30, 1861.	Jan. 16, 1863. Disability.
Hoyle, Henry . . . . .	18	July 12, "	Trans. 1863, to V. R. C.
Hudson, Archibald B., . . . . .	39	Feb. 28, 1864.	Trans. 1864, to 20th Infantry.

*Company G.*

Oakes, Charles H., 1st Serg't .	25	July 12, 1861.	July 28, 1864.
Wheelock, George W., " .	23	" "	Killed July 3, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa.
Davis, John W., Sergeant . .	36	" "	Dishonorably dis- charged Nov. 4, '63.
Howe, Alfred A. " . .	19	" "	Died Dec. 23, 1864.
Johnson, Charles A. " . .	38	" "	Oct. 12, 1863. Disability.
Rice, Abner H., " . .	23	" "	Killed May 5, 1864, Wilderness, Va.
Smith, Albert A., " . .	29	" "	Oct. 28, 1862. Disability.
Stow, Jonathan P., " . .	29	" "	Died of wounds Sept. 17, 1862, An- tietam, Md.
Balcom, Gilbert E., Corporal .	20	" "	Died Dec. 6, 1862.
Clisbee, Julius A., " .	28	Dec. 11, "	Dec. 6, 1862. Disability.
Davis, George, " . .	36	July 12, "	Aug. 20, 1862.
Fairbanks, Francis P., " .	19	" "	Nov. 25, 1862. Disability.
Ford, Levi I., " . .	26	" "	May, 1862. Disability.
Kimball, John H., " . .	30	" "	June 6, 1865, as ex- changed prisoner of war.
Macker, George A., " . .	18	" "	May 17, 1865, as ex- changed prisoner of war.
Robinson, Fred'k B., " . .	22	" "	May 24, 1862. Disability.
Allen, Thomas W., Musician .	18	" "	Feb. 21, 1864, to re-enlist.
Allen, Thomas W., " . .	20	Feb. 21, 1864.	Trans. to 20th Infantry.
Aldrich, Bradford E., . . . .	21	" 4, 1862.	Trans. to V. R. C.
Ball, Henry S., . . . . .	24	July 12, 1861.	Died Dec. 9, 1862.
Bassett, Harvey . . . . .	—	" "	
Berry, Charles W., . . . . .	18	" "	Feb. 5, 1863. Disability.

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Bigelow, Thomas M., . . . . .	19	July 12, 1861.	Trans. to V. R. C.
Bonnor, Joseph . . . . .	35	" "	Killed May 6, 1864, Wilderness, Va.
Boyden, Lucius . . . . .	25	" "	Died of disease, Aug. 26, 1862.
Brown, Adelbert L., . . . . .	19	" "	Died of wounds, June 18, 1862.
Bryant, Asa T., . . . . .	22	" "	Killed Sept. 17, '62, Antietam, Md.
Burns, George E., . . . . .	27	July 30, 1862.	Died of wounds Nov. 15, 1862.
Campbell, Donald A., . . . . .	18	" "	Died Feb. 16, 1865, in Libby prison, in Andersonville, Ga.
Caswell, C. L., . . . . .	18	July 12, 1861.	Killed Dec. 13, '62, Fredericksburg, Va.
Chappell, John . . . . .	23	" "	Dec. 20, 1862. Disability.
Clafin, Charles . . . . .	20	" "	Aug. 25, 1861. Disability.
Clisbee, Harrison J., . . . . .	18	Dec. 11, "	Killed Sept. 17, '62, Antietam, Md.
Collins, William E., . . . . .	18	" "	July 28, 1864.
Daniels, Marcus . . . . .	19	" "	Never left the State.
Davis, Orin L., . . . . .	41	" "	Killed Sept. 17, '62, Antietam, Md.
Day, Horace . . . . .	35	" "	April 25, 1862.
Dean, William B., . . . . .	—	" "	
Dennis, James T., . . . . .	20	" "	At exp. of service he was absent on sick list.
Desmond, John C., . . . . .	—	" "	
Ellis, R. A., . . . . .	22	" "	Died Dec. 25, 1861, Richmond, Va.
Flagg, Walter J., . . . . .	—	" "	
Fairbanks, Alton W., . . . . .	18	" "	Nov. 22, 1862. Disability.
Frissle, Henry A., . . . . .	18	" "	Died March 7, '64, Richmond, Va.
Groving, Alexander . . . . .	—	" "	
Hill, Crowell L., . . . . .	18	" "	July 23, 1862. Disability.
Hammond, Edwin H., . . . . .	—	" "	
Holland, John . . . . .	18	" "	April 19, 1862. Disability.
Harris, Daniel . . . . .	—	" "	
Holt, Theodore E., . . . . .	18	" "	Trans. 1863, to V. R. C.
Howith, John . . . . .	38	" "	July 23, 1862. Disability.

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Huckins, Francis E., . . . . .	19	Dec. 11, 1861.	July 28, 1864.
Hughes, James . . . . .	18	" "	Died Sept. 28, 1862.
Johnson, E. S., . . . . .	17	" "	Missing Sept. 17, '62.
Johnson, Richard M., . . . . .	19	" "	Dec. 25, 1863, to re-enlist.
Johnson, Richard M., . . . . .	21	Dec. 26, 1863.	Trans. to 20th Infantry.
Keating, James L., . . . . .	23	July 12, 1861.	Never left the State.
Kelley, James C., . . . . .	23	" "	March 12, 1862.
Kirkup, James S., . . . . .	18	Nov. 26, 1861.	Dec. 25, 1863, to re-enlist.
Legacy, John . . . . .	20	July 30, "	Nov. 15, 1862. Disability.
Marble, Francis H., . . . . .	18	July 12, "	Died of wounds Nov. 26, 1862.
Margrum, Frederick C., . . . . .	21	" "	March 25, 1863. Disability.
Martin, John . . . . .	20	Dec. 11, "	Jan. 1, 1864, to re-enlist.
Martin, John . . . . .	22	Jan. 2, 1864.	Trans. to 20th Infantry.
Matthews, William . . . . .	25	July 12, 1861.	Killed Dec. 13, '62, Fredericksburg, Va.
McKenzie, John M., . . . . .	26	Aug. 6, "	Never left the State.
McLaughlin, James . . . . .	33	July 12, "	March 12, 1862.
Mitchell, Charles L., . . . . .	45	Aug. 11, 1862.	Died Oct. 24, '62.
Morse, Willie E., . . . . .	18	July 12, 1861.	Died Dec. 30, '62.
Munroe, George A., . . . . .	18	Dec. 11, "	Trans. to 20th Infantry.
Newton, Elmer M., . . . . .	23	July 12, "	Killed Oct. 21, '61, at Ball's Bluff.
Oakes, Sylvester . . . . .	21	July 30, "	Killed Dec. 13, '62, at Fredericksburg, Va.
Oakes, Charles H., . . . . .	—	July 12, "	July 29, 1864.
Plimpton, Frank A., . . . . .	20	" "	Dec. 31, 1863. Disability.
Plympton, Webster . . . . .	21	July 30, "	Oct. 20, 1862, to enlist in U. S. A.
Roods, M. A., . . . . .	23	July 12, "	July 28, 1864.
Robbins, William E., . . . . .	—	Feb. 11, 1862.	Jan. 18, 1863. Disability.
Sargent, John M., . . . . .	36	Aug. 11, "	March 26, 1863. Disability.
Sherman, J. D., . . . . .	21	July 12, 1861.	Killed Oct. 21, '61, Ball's Bluff.
Sherburt, Peter . . . . .	23	" "	Feb. 12, 1862.



	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Snow, Charles . . . . .	—	July 12, 1861.	Sept. 19, 1862. Disability.
Snow, Alfred . . . . .	—	“ “	Died Oct. 19, 1862, of wounds at Antietam.
Smith, John R., . . . . .	—	Aug. 25, 1862.	
Sargent, Lucius M., . . . . .	—	July 12, 1861.	Camp Scott, '61, Disability.
Sibley, William . . . . .	31	“ “	Nov. 14, 1862. Disability.
Sweeney, J. Frank . . . . .	23	“ “	Never left the State.
Tiffney, G. E., . . . . .	23	“ “	Trans. to V. R. C.
Wheelock, G. E., . . . . .	—	“ “	Killed July 1, '63, at Gettysburg.
Whitney, Frederick . . . . .	18	July 30, “	Trans. to 20th Infantry.
Wait, Albert . . . . .	—	July 12, “	
Whitney, Frederick . . . . .	33	Feb. 4, 1862.	July 31, 1862. Disability.
Young, Samuel . . . . .	17	July 12, 1861.	Aug. 25, 1861.
<i>Company I.</i>			
Burdsley, Joseph . . . . .	37	July 28, 1862.	Killed July 2, 1863, Gettysburg, Pa.
Remick, Alpheus . . . . .	28	Feb. 10, “	Died Feb. 27, '64.
<i>Company K.</i>			
Howe, Adolphus . . . . .	—	July 12, 1861.	1863, Disability.
Howarth, James . . . . .	31	July 1, “	Dec. 15, '63, Dis- ability, as “Howard.”
Rhodes, Rufus A., . . . . .	19	“ “	Jan. 19, 1861, to enlist in U. S. A.
Thornton, John G., . . . . .	20	“ “	July 28, 1864.

## NINETEENTH REGIMENT, INFANTRY. (THREE YEARS).

*Company A.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Nelson, Leroy A., . . . . .	20	Aug. 28, 1861.	Killed Dec. 13, '62, Fredericksburg, Va.

*Company F.*

\* Case, Harrison E., . . . . .

\* Among those wounded in the late battles before Richmond, was Harrison E. Case, twenty-seven years old, son of Mr. Elijah L. Case of Grafton. He enlisted from Hopkinton into company F, of the 19th regiment, Colonel Hinks. Captain Rice, of his company, being in command of the regiment since the battle, Lieutenant Hill writes to his father as follows: “In the battle of June 30, at Nelson's farm, in

## TWENTIETH REGIMENT, INFANTRY. (THREE YEARS).

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Henry G. Dudley, Captain . .	22	Dec. 3, 1863.	March 25, 1865.

*Company G.*

Allen, Thomas, Musician . . .	18	Feb. 21, 1864.	July 16, 1865.
Hudson, Archibald B., . . . .	37	Feb. 27, "	July 24, "
Johnson, Richard M., . . . .	19	Dec. 25, 1863.	July 16, "

## TWENTY-FIRST REGIMENT, INFANTRY. (THREE YEARS).

*Band.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Hathaway, Dexter S., . . . .	39	Aug. 23, 1861.	Aug. 11, 1862.

*Company D.*

Howe, Edward A., . . . . .	19	Aug. 23, 1861.	Aug. 30, 1864.
Prentice, Henry . . . . .	24	" "	Oct. 12, 1861. Disability.
Whitney, James D., . . . . .	23	" "	Jan. 1, 1864.
Whitney, James D., . . . . .	25	Jan. 2, 1864.	Trans. to 36th Infantry.

*Company E.*

Tuhy, Peter . . . . .	38	Aug. 23, 1861.	Oct. 20, 1862. Disability.
Webster, Lucius . . . . .	37	Jan. 2, 1864.	Trans. to 36th Infantry.

*Company F.*

Gee, James S. W., . . . . .	27	Aug. 19, 1861.	Aug. 30, 1864.
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## TWENTY-SECOND REGIMENT, INFANTRY. (THREE YEARS).

*Company D.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Whitney, George T., Sergeant.	22	Sept. 6, 1861.	Oct. 8, 1863. Disability.
White, James . . . . .	31	" "	Nov. 3, 1862.
Whitney, Luther W., . . . .	26	" "	Oct. 5, 1864.

## TWENTY-FOURTH REGIMENT, INFANTRY. (THREE YEARS).

*Company A.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Minnahan, John, Corporal . .	28	Dec. 21, 1863.	Jan. 20, 1866, in Co. K.

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which the 19th suffered severely, your son, Mr. Harrison E. Case, was wounded, and it is believed mortally, the wound being in a bad place—the left side—and after it he seeming unconscious. He was left on the battle-field, so I am not able to tell you certainly his fate. He was a good man and a brave soldier, always ready and willing to do his duty.”—*Spy*.

## TWENTY-FIFTH REGIMENT, INFANTRY. (THREE YEARS).

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Pratt, Henry H., Captain . . .	25	May 17, 1865.	July 13, 1865.
<i>Band.</i>			
Chase, David . . . . .	48	Sept. 26, 1861.	Aug. 30, 1862.
<i>Company A.</i>			
Wesson, Calvin A., Sergeant .	29	Sept. 11, 1861.	Oct. 20, 1864.
Brown, George R., Corporal .	23	Sept. 10, "	" "
Putnam, William W., . . . .	21	Sept. 14, "	Jan. 18, 1864.
Putnam, William W., . . . .	23	Jan. 16, 1864.	July 13, 1865.
Wesson, Hale . . . . .	19	Sept. 16, 1861.	Trans. to Signal Corps.
Wesson, James . . . . .	18	Sept. 11, "	Oct. 20, 1864.
<i>Company B.</i>			
Gibson, Henry H., . . . . .	—		
<i>Company C.</i>			
Leland, Augustus J., . . . .	41	Jan. 5, 1864.	Missing since June 3.
<i>Company D.</i>			
Champney, Preston D., Serg't.	21	Sept. 27, 1861.	Trans. to Signal Corps.
Champney, Samuel G., . . .	19	Aug. 7, 1862.	Died Oct. 10, '64, N. Y. C.
Hastings, George W., . . . .	48	Oct. 14, 1861.	March 12, 1862. Disability.
Leland, John W., . . . . .	18	" "	Dec. 17, 1863.
Leland, Royal A., . . . . .	—	Sept. 10, "	Died Oct. 16, 1864, at Newbern, of yellow fever.
Leland, John W., . . . . .	20	Dec. 18, 1863.	July 14, 1865.
<i>Company E.</i>			
Jamison, Hugh . . . . .		Oct. 16, 1861.	Jan. 19, 1864.
Jamison, Hugh . . . . .		Jan. 19, 1864.	June 29, 1864.
<i>Company K.</i>			
Currier, Le Roy S., . . . . .	18	Sept. 20, 1861.	Jan. 2, 1864.
Currier, Le Roy S., . . . . .	20	Jan. 3, 1864.	Died of wounds July 10, 1864.
Davis, Augustus E., . . . . .	20	Sept. 17, 1861.	Jan. 2, 1864.
Davis, Augustus E., . . . . .	22	Jan. 3, 1864.	July 20, 1865. Disability.
Grim, Joseph M., . . . . .	19	Sept. 20, 1861.	July 18, 1864.
Grim, Joseph M., . . . . .	21	Jan. 19, 1864.	Missing since May 16.
Johnson, Jerome . . . . .	20	Dec. 18, 1863.	Died Feb. 26, '65, Florence, S. C.
Parmenter, Joshua R., . . . .	45	Sept. 16, 1861.	Jan. 18, 1864.

## THIRTY-FOURTH REGIMENT, INFANTRY. (THREE YEARS).

*Company A.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Sherry, William, Corporal . . . . .	23	July 31, 1862.	June 24, 1865.
Sullivan, Timothy, " . . . . .	18	" "	June 16, "
Stacy, Orrin, Musician . . . . .	16	June 22, "	" "
Bigelow, George M., . . . . .	25	July 31, "	" "
Bryant, Thomas C., . . . . .	31	" "	" "
Burns, John S., . . . . .	—	" "	Aug. 19, 1863. Disability.
Clapp, Willard . . . . .	44	" "	June 16, 1865.
Grant, Jos. H., . . . . .	31	" "	Dec. 10, 1862.
Kelley, Patrick . . . . .	18	" "	June 16, 1865.
Knights, Benjamin W., . . . . .	18	Oct. 17, 1863.	Trans. to 24th Infantry.
Putnam, Austin . . . . .	42	July 31, 1862.	June 3, 1863. Disability.
Savage, John . . . . .	41	" "	Missing since Oct. 19, 1864.
Spring, Charles F., . . . . .	18	July 22, "	June 16, 1865.
Wheeler, Caleb W., . . . . .	19	Aug. 4, 1862.	Trans. to V. R. C.
Whitney, Franklin . . . . .	18	July 31, "	June 16, 1865.

## THIRTY-SIXTH REGIMENT, INFANTRY. (THREE YEARS).

*Company E.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Keyes, John . . . . .	22	Aug. 8, 1862.	June 8, 1865.

*Company F.*

Balcom, Abel H., . . . . .	35	Aug. 11, "	Trans. to V. R. C.
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*Company K.*

Smith, Silas W., Sergeant . . . . .	26	Aug. 8, "	June 8, 1865, in Co. B.
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## FIFTY-SEVENTH REGIMENT, INFANTRY. (THREE YEARS).

*Company A.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Rivod, Moses . . . . .	18	Jan. 4, 1864.	Killed May 12, '64, Spottsylvania, Va.
Walker, William R., . . . . .	—	Dec. 7, 1863.	July, 1864.

*Company B.*

Terrill, Edward . . . . .	45	" "	Missing July 30, 1864.
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*Company D.*

Remick, Augustus . . . . .	21	Dec. 25, "	Feb. 27, 1865. Disability.
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*Company G.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
White, Albert . . . . .	20	Mar. 10, 1864.	Deserted April 17, 1864.

*Company H.*

Shambo, Edward . . . . .	21	Jan. 11, 1864.	July 30, 1865.
Shambo, Christopher . . . . .	18	" "	" "
Webb, Joseph C., . . . . .	32	" "	" "

*Company K.*

Lee, Smith J., . . . . .	20	April 8, 1865.	Sept. 16, 1865.
Mitchell, John F., . . . . .	18	April 6, 1864.	Trans. to V. R. C.

*Company F.*

Wilson, Joseph . . . . .	—	Feb. 2, 1864.	Deserted.
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## FIFTY-EIGHTH REGIMENT, INFANTRY. (THREE YEARS).

*Company C.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Lafin, John . . . . .	18	Feb. 20, 1864.	Deserted April 29, 1864.
Robinson, John . . . . .	23	" "	Deserted April 29, 1864.
Robinson, Stephen . . . . .	22	" "	Deserted May 12, 1864.

*Company G.*

Byron, Marcus M., . . . . .	23	June 26, 1864.	June 30, 1865.
Lynch, Mack . . . . .	30	Mar. 26, "	July 14, "

## VETERAN RESERVE CORPS.

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Vail, Jeffery . . . . .	23	Aug. 5, 1864.	

## REGULAR ARMY.

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Organization.
Afel, Charles . . . . .	31	July 19, 1864.	First Artillery.
Cain, Barney . . . . .	32	" "	" "
Cobb, Joel F., . . . . .	43	Jan. 4, "	Band.
Cryan, John W., . . . . .	—	April 30, "	Signal Corps.
Doran, John . . . . .	35	July 19, "	First Artillery.
Gay, Charles . . . . .	25	" "	" "
Lathe, Cheney . . . . .	—	Mar. 18, "	Signal Corps.
Lougee, Stephen N., . . . . .	36	Nov. 23, 1863.	Band.
Lucas, Thomas O., . . . . .	38	Nov. 28, "	"
Malone, Bernard . . . . .	32	Feb. 3, 1865.	Third Artillery.
Moore, James . . . . .	30	July 19, 1864.	Second "
Morton, William . . . . .	25	" "	First "
Wilson, John . . . . .	28	July 5, "	Fourth "



## SECOND HEAVY ARTILLERY. (THREE YEARS).

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Bonner, Edward . . . . .		July 15, 1863.	Sept. 3, 1865.
Brewer, Joshua . . . . .		" "	" "
Brewer, Thomas H. . . . .		" "	" "
Hennessey, Michael . . . . .		Dec. 7, "	July 7, "
Melney, Charles W., . . . . .		July 27, "	Sept. 3, "

## FIRST PROVO GUARD. (THREE YEARS).

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Barney, B. F. (drafted). . . . .		July 14, 1863.	Dec. 18, 1863. Disability.
Powers, M. V., " . . . .		" "	June 29, 1865.
Snow, Charles " . . . .		" "	Dec. 1863. Disability.

## FOURTH CAVALRY. (THREE YEARS).

*Company G.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Claffin, Willard G. . . . .		July 12, 1861.	Disability, 1861, while the reg't were at Camp Scott.
Cady, Curtis . . . . .		" "	Killed June 4, '64, by a shell, at Cold Harbor.
Hildreth, Martin T., . . . . .		Dec. 15, 1863.	Killed Oct. 28, '64, in battle at Gun Creek.
Whitney, Sidney H., . . . . .		Jan. 7, 1864.	Nov. 14, 1865.

## THIRTY-SIXTH REGIMENT. (THREE YEARS).

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Allen, Benjamin F., . . . . .		Aug. 22, 1862.	
<i>Company C.</i>			
Buxton, Joseph . . . . .		Aug. 27, 1862.	

## BUTLER'S BRIGADE. (THREE YEARS).

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Barras, Peter . . . . .		Oct. 19, 1861.	Died Dec. 19, '62, in New Orleans, of fever.

## FIRST BATTALION, HEAVY ARTILLERY. (ONE YEAR).

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Bartlett, George A., . . . . .		Aug. 15, 1864.	Sept. 3, 1865.
Ballou, Job D., . . . . .		" "	" "

## FIFTEENTH REGIMENT.

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Brown, H. C. . . . .			Jan. 16, 1863. Disability.

## TWENTY-SIXTH REGIMENT. (THREE YEARS).

*Company D.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Davis, Watts E., . . . . .		Mar. 16, 1864.	Sept. 23, 1865.
Gilson, William H., . . . . .		May 3, "	" "

## ELEVENTH INFANTRY.

*Company A.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Farfey, Patrick . . . . .			Deserted.

## SIGNAL CORPS.

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Hanson, C. M., . . . . .		May 2, 1864.	
Kimball, Charles E., . . . . .		May 10, "	Aug. 18, 1864. Disability.

## UNKNOWN.

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Laduke, Isaac . . . . .		Jan., 1864.	
Simson, Levi . . . . .		Nov. 3, "	
Stampley, Henry . . . . .		" "	
Wigfall, Harry . . . . .		" "	

## TWENTY-SECOND REGIMENT, INFANTRY.

*Company D.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Miller, A. J., . . . . .			

## TWENTIETH INFANTRY.

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Myott, Charles . . . . .		July 14, 1863.	Died May 29, '64, of wounds.

## THIRD ARTILLERY, HEAVY. (THREE YEARS).

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Newton, Albert S., . . . . .		Feb., 1864.	Sept. 18, 1865.

## THIRTY-THIRD REGIMENT, INFANTRY.

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Ryan, John . . . . .		Aug. 7, 1862.	Dec., 1862. Disability.

## FIFTY-FIFTH REGIMENT, INFANTRY.

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Shaw, John . . . . .		June 20, 1863.	Aug. 19, 1865. Co. K.

## SECOND CAVALRY. (THREE YEARS).

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Clapp, William A. Bugler . .		Dec. 18, 1863.	

## SEVENTEENTH REGIMENT, INFANTRY. (THREE YEARS).

*Company A.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Callahan, Daniel . . . . .		Aug. 5, 1864.	June 30, 1865.

## FIRST CAVALRY. (THREE YEARS).

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Davis, Everett . . . . .		Mar. 24, 1864.	June 29, 1865.

## NINTH INFANTRY.

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Smith, Mathew . . . . .		June 11, 1861.	Killed at Gainsville, June 27, '62.

## FIRST BATTALION, M. V. M. (THREE YEARS).

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Copp, Andrew J. . . . .		Mar. 13, 1861.	

## NAVY.

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Newton, George M., . . . . .		April 12, 1861.	April, 1864.
Pratt, Richard K., . . . . .		" "	
Jennings, Edward . . . . .		Aug. 19, "	
Wood, Samuel H., . . . . .			
Turner, Arba T., . . . . .			

## THIRTY-FOURTH REGIMENT. (THREE YEARS).

*Company A.*

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Clark, Lorin S., . . . . .		July 22, 1862.	June 16, 1865.
Pratt, Richard K., . . . . .		" "	" "

## THIRTY-NINTH REGIMENT. (THREE YEARS).

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Cole, A. M., . . . . .		Aug. 23, 1862.	

## TENTH REGIMENT.

	Age.	Date of Muster.	Discharge.
Preston, Robert . . . . .		May 18, 1863.	

The following notice of the death, etc., of James E. McClellan, member of company E, 51st Regiment, written by Rev. Gilbert Robbins, we clip from the *Worcester Spy*:—

“On the night of July 7, the 51st Regiment was marching on the road leading along the banks of the Chesapeake canal, to Maryland Heights. When opposite Harper’s Ferry the men were ordered to halt and rest. They sat down with their equipments all on, near the brink of the precipice overlooking the canal, which at this point was a perpendicular bank wall, twenty feet or more from the water, the depth of water being about nine feet. After a pause of about an hour, during which our lamented young friend, with many others, being overcome with fatigue, fell asleep, the order was given to march. Getting up suddenly, and not being able, on account of the darkness of the night, to see how near he was to the edge of the embankment, he made a misstep, fell over into the canal, and was drowned. This occurred about one o’clock on the morning of the 8th inst. To save him seemed impossible. One or two were about to make the attempt, but so dark and rainy was the night, and so high the embankment, that it was thought by the officers that a plunge from it would prove fatal to any person attempting to rescue him. After daylight the same morning a small party returned to the place, and after several hours’ search succeeded in finding his body, which was immediately sent to his friends in Grafton. The funeral services were attended on the following Sabbath, at the Baptist Church, in the presence of a vast congregation of sympathizing friends. His pastor, Rev. G. Robbins, preached a very solemn and impressive sermon, from the text, ‘Be still, and know that I am God.’ (Psalms 46: 10). The procession to the church, and from thence to the cemetery, was escorted by the entire fire department of the town, and embraced, besides the large circle of relatives, the present and past members of the board of selectmen, the clergy, and a large body of citizens.

His death at the early age of twenty-five years, adds another to the long list of brave, self-sacrificing, Christian young men, who have fallen victims to this terrible war. And it would be difficult to mention one exhibiting a loftier patriotism, or a higher degree of moral and religious excellence, than he did. Distinguished from childhood by remarkable conscientiousness, guileless integrity, and great energy of character, by deep filial affection and strong attachment to home and kindred, he carried these qualities with him when he entered the army; and from the day of his enlistment till the hour of his death, he exhibited a rare combination of soldierly, humane and Christian elements of character. As a son, as a brother, as a teacher in the district and Sabbath schools, as a church member, as a personal friend, as an instructor of the poor contrabands of North Carolina, and as a young man of great prospective usefulness in the town, he adorned and blessed every relation in

which he stood, and secured the respect, the confidence, the love of all who knew him. Those who knew him best, loved him most. Not only was he the light and joy of his father's beautiful home, but he was equally a favorite among his comrades in arms. Lieutenant Winslow, of company E, in writing the particulars of his death to his friends, says: 'This is a sad and painful duty to perform, to notify the friends of the death of one so young and full of promise cut down, without a moment's warning, so near the time, too, when he anticipated going home and being released from his duties as a soldier. It is sad indeed, and a gloom is again spread over our company. This is the seventh time that we have been called upon to notify friends of the death of members of our company since we entered into the service. And this seems the most sad and painful of them all. Though it seems blind and unaccountable to us, yet it is the working of an all-wise providence. It is a heavy blow upon us as a company, and still a more dreadful calamity and bereavement to his family and friends. Corporal McClellan was a good soldier, a consistent Christian, a true friend; always ready to perform any duty which was put upon him as a soldier. As a Christian, I never heard him utter one word derogatory to his profession, never saw him in the least degree angry, or knew him to utter an unkind word to any person. I believe him to be the most exemplary person, most true to his profession, that I have ever known. It must be a great comfort to his friends in this bereavement to know that he had always done his duty well, and endeavored to do good to all about him. He has gone and left us. We mourn his loss sincerely as a company and a regiment.' The same testimony, substantially, has been given by Colonel Sprague, Captains Wheeler and Wood, and other members of the regiment.

To be good, and to do good, was the highest aim, the noblest ambition of our beloved friend. His life was short, but crowded with usefulness. His death was afflictive, but full of hope. Farewell, dear friend, a short farewell, till we shall meet again in heaven.

'If life be not in length of days,  
In silvered locks and furrowed brow,  
But living to the Saviour's praise,  
How few have lived so long as thou!'

The following touching lines were sent by young McClellan to his friends at home, in his last letter, which reached them but a day or two before his death. They seem almost prophetic of his own coming:—

#### WAITING FOR OUR SOLDIERS.

By the blue Potomac's waters,  
By the Rappahannock's line,  
By the sunny Southern rivers,  
'Neath the holly and the pine,



Falling in the shock of battle,  
Wounded, in their blood they lie,—  
Pining with the dark malaria,—  
So our youthful patriots die.

In the city, in the village,  
In the hamlet far away,  
Sit the mothers, watching, waiting,  
For their soldier-boys to-day.  
They are coming; daily coming—  
One by one, and score by score;  
In their leaden casings folded,  
Underneath the flag they bore.

Thinks the mother, weeping, waiting,  
And expectant all the day—  
How his regiment was summoned,  
How her soldier went away:  
With his bayonet a-gleaming,  
With his knapsack on his back,  
With his blanket strapped and folded,  
And his home-filled haversack.

Thinking of the courage swelling  
In his eye and in his heart;  
Though a manly tear was welling  
When he kissed her to depart.  
Thinking of his precious letters  
Written by the camp-fire's glow.  
Rich in love of home and country,  
And of her who bade him go.

Counting now the lagging moments  
For the knocking at the door,  
For the shuffling and the tramping  
Feet of strangers on the floor;  
Bringing in their precious burden—  
Leaving her to grief and tears,  
To the sorrowing and the mourning—  
Darkening all the coming years.

Stay the wailing and the sighing,  
Who in bitterness complain.  
Said'st thou our sons were dying,  
Pouring out their blood in vain?  
God forbid! He slays the first-born  
That the people may be free!  
Not a drop of blood is wasted;  
'Tis the price of liberty!

## LINES ON THE DEATH OF JAMES E. McCLELLAN.

Oh! dark was the day when we heard the sad tidings  
 That our brother beloved had fallen in death;  
 That beneath the still stream near Potomac's swift glidings  
 He struggled a moment, then yielded his breath.

And dark is his home, with its charming surroundings,  
 Which the light of his presence no longer shall see;  
 And sad are fond hearts, 'mid all their aboundings,  
 O'er one so endeared to his friends as was he.

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His life he has yielded, his sacrifice offered,  
 And nobler or dearer have seldom been given;  
 The gift which, in love to his Saviour, he proffered,  
 God accepted, and gave him a mansion in Heaven.

Then let us be still, and learn in our sadness  
 That He who has taken will surely restore—  
 Will turn our dark night to the sunlight of gladness,  
 And the bright day of glory on Heaven's blest shore."

This town furnished 393 men for the war, which was a surplus of forty-seven over and above all demands. Ten were commissioned officers. The whole amount raised and expended by the town for war purposes, exclusive of State aid, was \$39,350.23. The amount of money expended by the town, during the war, for State aid to soldiers' families, and repaid by the Commonwealth, was as follows: In 1861, \$1,642.50; 1862, \$6,112.29; 1863, \$6,976.04; 1864, \$8,300; 1865, \$5,500; total amount, \$28,530.86.

The Ladies' Soldiers' Aid Society of the town raised \$1,025, which was expended in the purchase of underclothing, and for other comforts for the soldiers at the front; in addition to which, between two and three hundred pairs of woolen socks were knit by the ladies, and sent to the soldiers. Many other contributions were made by citizens for the same purpose.

According to the returns made by the selectmen of the towns, and the mayor of Worcester, in 1866, the whole

number of men which Worcester County furnished for the war was 16,631, which is very near the exact number. Every city and town in the county furnished its contingent upon every call made by the President, and each had a surplus over and above all demands, which in the aggregate amounted to 1,397. The total amount of expenses incurred by all the municipalities in the county, on account of the war, exclusive of State aid to the families of enlisted men, was \$1,322,693.45. The amount paid for State aid during the war, and which was reimbursed by the Commonwealth, was \$1,008,056.81. To this should be added \$165,750.41, raised by voluntary subscription for war purposes. These make an aggregate of \$2,496,500.67.

#### **Grafton in Massachusetts Militia.**

As will be seen by the following, which have been copied from rolls in possession of persons residing in the town, and from the records at the Adjutant General's office, State House, Boston, Grafton has furnished a large number of her citizens to form the militia companies of Massachusetts, which have always ranked among the first in the country. The townspeople have always been patriotic, from the time of the French and Indian war to the war of the late Rebellion. At one time, 1830, in this town there were the Grafton Grenadiers, Grafton Light Infantry, and the North and South companies, which for their drill and efficiency in the manual of arms were well known throughout the State.

The two companies, known in their day as the North and the South companies, were the oldest companies in the Massachusetts militia from this town. Of the South company, Simon Bruce was the first captain. He was succeeded by David Wadsworth, Samuel Warren, Nahum Andrews, Ephraim Harrington, Joseph Merriam, Benjamin Leland, Amaziah Howard, Joshua W. Leland, Timothy Wheelock, Cyrus Leland, Moses Roberts. When Howard was elected

captain considerable feeling was created among the members of the company, and he was finally court-martialed for "conduct unbecoming a soldier." Cyrus and Joshua W. Leland, and Timothy Wheelock, were afterwards colonels of the regiment, the second in the second brigade and seventh division. Joseph Merriam was afterwards drum major. The following is a copy of the roster of the company, October 5, 1804, when Joseph Merriam was captain. This company was in the Second Regiment, Second Brigade, and Seventh Division, and a foot company, or what is known now as a company of infantry :—

Roster of Capt. Joseph Merriam, Jr.'s company of foot, Second Regiment, Second Brigade and Seventh Division, October 5, 1804 :—

Joseph Merriam, Jr., Captain.	Private, Mathew Gray.
Benj. Leland, Jr., Lieutenant.	" William Hall.
Charles Leland, Ensign.	" Abraham Howard.
Wm. E. Green, 1st Serg't and clerk.	" Peter Holbrook.
Ebenezer Leland, Jr., 2nd Serg't.	" Nathan Jackson.
Ebenezer Philips, Jr., 3rd "	" Nathan Johnson.
Timothy Merriam, Jr., 4th "	" Edward Lasure.
Joshua W. Leland, 1st Corp.	" Benj. Lathe, Jr.
Oliver Ward, 2nd "	" Zeppariah Lathe, Jr.
John Batchellor, 3rd "	" Asa Learnard.
Gillead Rider, 4th "	" Cyrus Leland.
Daniel Prentice, Drummer.	" Zadock Leland.
Clark Brown, Fifer.	" John L. Leland.
John Scudder, "	" Levi Leland.
Nathaniel Davis, "	" Tarrant Merriam.
Levi Wrist, "	" Amasa Nelson.
Private, Daniel Adams.	" Ezra Philips.
" Thomas M. Baker.	" Abijah Pierce.
" John Bennett.	" Jacob Pierce.
" Jonathan Brown.	" Joseph Prentice.
" Eli Brigham.	" Moses Rockwood.
" Bradford Chase.	" Moses Roberts.
" William Croxford.	" David Sherman, Jr.
" Jonathan H. Drake.	" Samuel Stowe.
" Cyrus French.	" Ithamer Stowe, baggage.
" Samuel Fay.	" Jonathan Stowe.
" Silas Forbush, baggage.	" Silas Stowe.

Private, Benja. H. Sherman.

" Austin Sherman.

" Aaron Taft.

" Daniel Thurston.

" John Taylor.

" Samuel Wadsworth.

" Jonathan Wadsworth.

" Asahel Warren.

" John Warren.

" Silas Wetherbee.

Private, James Wheeler, Jr.

" Thaddeus Whipple.

" Nath'l Whipple.

" Nathan White.

" Pharnum White.

" Chollister Wood.

" Benja. White.

" Benja. Young.

" Benj. Howard.

(58 present.)

The following is a copy of the muster-roll of Capt. Joseph Merriam's company of foot, May 7, 1805:—

*Officers.*

Joseph Merriam.

Benjamin Leland.

Charles Leland.

*Sergeants and Musicians.*

Clark Brown.

Levi Wrist.

Levi Thayer.

Eli Servey.

Ebenezer Leland, Jr.

Ebenezer Phillips, Jr.

Timothy Merriam, Jr.

*Rank and File.*

Joshua W. Leland.

Oliver Ward.

John Batchelor.

Geliad Rider.

Daniel Adams.

John Bennett.

Thomas Brigham.

Thomas M. Baker.

Perley Batchelor, Jr.

Peter Barns.

Wm. Croxford.

Bradford Chase.

Jonathan H. Drake.

Nathan Darling.

John Darling.

Otis Daniels.

*Rank and File.*

Cyrus French.

Joseph Flagg.

Silas Forbush.

Darius Graves.

Abraham Haywood.

Benja. Haywood.

Nathan Jackson.

Nathan Johnson.

Marcus J. Johnson.

Edward Leshure.

Levi Leland.

Cyrus Leland.

Zadock Leland.

John L. Leland.

Joseph Leland.

Benja. Lathe, Jr.

Joshua Lathe.

Asa Larnard.

Fuller Murdock.

Moses March.

Tarrant Merriam.

Amasa Nelson.

Joseph Prentice.

Russel Prentice.

Abijah Pierce.

Moses Rockwood.

Samuel Robertsons.

Moses Roberts.

Amasa Read.

Jona. Stow.



*Rank and File.*

Samuel Stone.  
 Ithamer Stow.  
 Lovel Stow.  
 Austin Sherman.  
 Benja. H. Sherman.  
 David Sherman, Jr.  
 Daniel Thurston.  
 James Wheeler, Jr.  
 Thaddeus Whipple.  
 Nathan White.

*Rank and File.*

Benja. White.  
 Nathaniel Whipple.  
 Jona. Wadsworth.  
 Samuel Wadsworth.  
 Silas White.  
 Cholister Wood.  
 Benja. Young.  
 Asahei Warren.  
 Benjamin Bowen.

Of the North company, Ephraim Goulding was the first captain. Subsequently the company was commanded by Jonathan Wheeler, Charles Brigham, Joshua Harrington, Moses Harrington, Levi Goddard, Oliver Kimball, Charles Brigham, Jr., and Francis Harrington.

When the Grafton Light Infantry and Grenadier companies were formed, the North and South companies were greatly reduced, and known as the "Rag, Tag and Bob Tails."

The following is a complete list of the men in the North company, under command of Capt. Charles Brigham, May 1st, 1804:—

Captain Brigham's company of foot, May 1st, 1804:—

Charles Brigham, Captain.	George W. Putnam, Private.
Joshua Harrington, 1st Lieutenant.	Lewis Putnam, "
Levi Goddard, Ensign.	Luke Baker, "
Albert Stone, Sergeant.	Leonard Wheelock, "
Jasper Adams, "	Timothy Johnson, "
William Wesson, "	Perley Whipple, "
John Wadsworth, "	Daniel Hathaway, "
Reuphas Newton, Musician.	Joel Knowlton, "
Isaac W. Wood, "	John Knowlton, "
Jacob Elliot, "	George Walker, "
Samuel Prentice, "	Asa Mixer, "
Nathaniel Adams, Jr., Corporal.	Josephus Willard, "
Calvin Pierce, "	Asa Scott, "
Oliver Hayden, "	Cyrus Wadsworth, "
John Putnam, Private.	Thomas Axtell, Jr., "
Luther Pierce, "	William Withington, "
Josiah Phillips, "	Asa Turner, "

Joseph Dispeau,	Private.	Perley Goddard,	Private.
Turner Rawson,	"	Samuel Rawson,	"
John Wheeler,	"	Elijah Case,	"
Gabriel F. Wheeler,	"	Silas Guild,	"
Josiah H. Stone,	"	Truman Clark,	"
Tartus Prentice,	"	Samuel Wesson,	"
Ruben Wheelock,	"	Perley Batchellor, Jr.,	"
Solomon Brigham,	"	Joseph Davis,	"
Oliver Kimball,	"	Joseph Whitney,	"
Aaron Pierce,	"	Nathan Darling,	"
John Wesson,	"	John Darling,	"
Thomas D. Wesson,	"	Silas Stow,	"
Reuphas Wesson,	"		

The following composed the company when John Wadsworth was captain :—

John Wadsworth, Captain.	Charles Richardson, Private.
Nath'l Adams, Jr., 1st Lieutenant.	Seth Robbins,
John Wesson, Ensign.	Asa Scott,
Isaac W. Wood, Fifer.	Eli Servy,
Nathan Clark, Sergeant.	David Sibly,
Daniel Prentice,	Samuel Slater,
Samuel Prentice,	Josiah H. Stone,
Christopher Nason,	Cyrus Wadsworth,
Joseph Adams, Private.	David Wait,
John Barns,	John Warren,
Livy Barton,	Silas Wesson,
John Bennett,	Thomas D. Wesson,
Israel Brown,	Rufus Wesson,
Lyman Bullard,	Sewel Wesson,
Truman Clark,	Jesse Wesson,
Joseph J. Davis,	John Wheeler,
Rubin Eaton,	Leonard Wheelock,
Nathan Elleck,	Gardner Wheelock,
John Firvers,	Perley Whipple,
Welcomb Eagar,	James Young,
Joel Flagg,	Alpheus Newel,
Perley Goddard,	Gideon Burt,
Oliver Hayden,	Abial Farrington,
Moses Hayden, Jr.,	Barnebus Rice,
Nathan Johnson,	Artemus Rand,
Lewis Moredock,	David Miller,
Abner Miller,	Andrew Smith,
Joel Prentice,	Israel Taft,
George W. Putnam,	Benja. Taft,
Turner Rawson,	Joel Knowlton,

## THE GRENADIER COMPANY.

This company was organized in this town, and was in the Second Regiment, Second Brigade, and Sixth Division of the Massachusetts militia. The company was organized in 1827, and, by order of the Governor, was disbanded June 30, 1834. At the time of its disbandment, Benjamin Aldrich was captain. He was appointed May 7th, 1833. The company had been previously commanded by Lyman L. Mason, Benjamin Kingsbury, Charles Brigham, Jr., Charles Aldrich, and Henry P. Warren, who was the first commander. Charles Brigham was afterwards chosen colonel. He was succeeded by Franklin Harrington of this town. Willard S. Wood was adjutant in Colonel Brigham's regiment.

The following is a correct list of the men in the company, May 6th, 1833, a short time before its disbandment:—

Benjamin Aldrich, Captain.	Jeremiah B. Mason, Private.
Robert Legate, Lieutenant.	John Marble, Jr., “
Charles Merriam, Ensign.	Putnam H. Haywood, “
Sumner Dunsmore, Clerk.	Alvah S. Davis, “
Solomon Brigham, Sergeant.	John Kimball, “
Origen Shephard, “	Martin Jacobs, “
Willard G. Emerson, “	James B. Bancroft, “
Joseph Shephard, Corporal.	Calvin S. Thurston, “
Calvin Prentice, “	William H. Thurston, “
John Legate, “	Joel H. Wheelock, “
Russel Hathaway, “	Russel Wheelock, “
George G. Rice, Musician.	George H. Smith, “
Lawson Munyan, “	James S. Lathe, “
Levi N. Leland, “	Samuel ———, “
Hollis Chamberlin, Private.	Holland Greenwood, “
Francis L. Eddy, “	Dexter S. Bragg, “
Bradford Chase, “	Hosea Barrus, “
Leonard Allen, “	Elphonia Barrus, “
Otis Frissel, “	Willard Gibson, “
Russel H. Berry, “	Joseph H. Whitney, “
Thomas R. Axtell, “	Isaac Mason, “
Elijah Kimball, “	Lincoln Wood, “
Samuel C. Bennett, “	Lovel Stow, Jr., “
Benjamin Goddard, “	Abial Copland, “
William Gibson, “	

The following letter will show the cause of the disbandment of the Grafton Grenadiers:—

“ GEN. AARON S. GIBBS :

*Sir*:—The undersigned, the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates composing the company of Grenadiers in the town of Grafton, and County of Worcester, respectfully represent that said company has become so reduced in number that it now contains only sixteen effective privates, including non-commissioned officers and excluding conditional exempts. That said company is not sufficiently large to appear respectable on parade, or to excite and keep up that spirit of ardour, and for military display so indispensably necessary in corps of this description, and that there does not seem to be any probability or hope of increasing its numbers by new enlistments. Wherefore your petitioners pray that said company may be disbanded, if in the opinion of the Commander-in-chief and the Hon. Council such a course shall be deemed proper.

The undersigned wish you would write back to us whether you will assist us about this petition, as soon as convenient.

Yours respectfully,

BENJAMIN ALDRICH.	} <i>Officers.”</i>
ROBERT LEGATE.	
CHARLES MERRIAM.	

The following correspondence explains itself:—

“ COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, SECOND BRIGADE,  
SIXTH DIVISION.

*Brigade Orders :*

HEADQUARTERS, WEST BOYLSTON, }
Sept. 4th, 1834. }

CAPT. BENJA. ALDRICH :

*Sir*:—You are hereby ordered to return all the non-commissioned officers and soldiers belonging to the company of Grenadiers under your command, to the standing company in the town in which they respectively belong, and the officers of said standing company, or regiment, to enroll said soldiers in their company, as the Grenadiers have been disbanded and the officers discharged.

A. S. GIBBS, *Brig. General,*  
*2nd Brigade, 6th Division.”*

## GRAFTON LIGHT INFANTRY.

This company was also formed in this town. At its formation Charles Leland was elected captain. The company was afterwards commanded by Liberty Wood, Jonathan Warren, Lewis Mills, Henry W. Harrington, Franklin Harrington, Rufus E. Warren, Timothy H. Merriam.

## SLOCOMB GUARDS.

This company was formed here shortly after the late war, and named in honor of George F. Slocomb, Esq. J. Frank Searle was the first captain. The subsequent commanders were Henry Mann and Arthur Batchelder, the present commander. On account of the small number who were in the company from this town, the headquarters were transferred to Millbury a few years ago, where it was known for a time as the Slocomb Guards, and at the present time as the Millbury Light Infantry. Captain Searle was at one time elected lieutenant-colonel of his, the Tenth Regiment. This company was known as Company G. By the resignation of the first lieutenant, C. A. White, George H. Chaffin was promoted to the vacancy, which position he now holds.

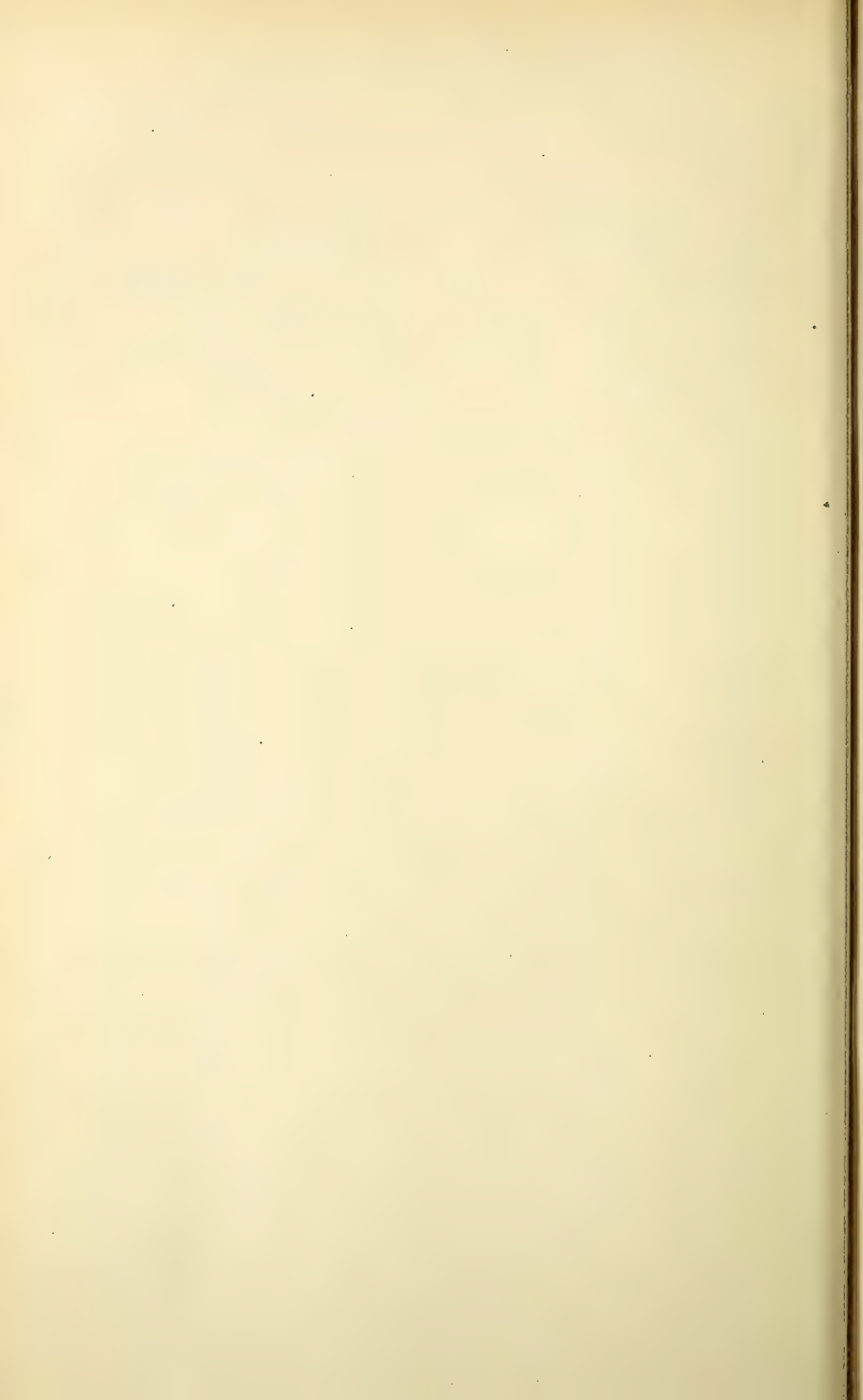
The following is a true copy of the members in the company, from the rolls in the Adjutant-General's office, in 1875 :—

Arthur H. Batchelor, Captain.	Callahan, James W., Private.
Charles A. White, 1st Lieutenant.	Clark, William H., “
George H. Chaffin, 2nd “	Day, Warren W., Corporal.
Burns, Alanson E., 1st Sergeant.	Degroot, Richard, Private.
Brooks, George B., Sergeant.	Fay, Edward B., “
Benchley, Julian G., Q. M. Sergeant.	Garfield, Edwin J., Sergeant.
Burnett, George W., Private.	Gerry, Albert S., Private.
Bush, John, “	Geer, Charles A., “
Belvelle, Noah, “	Green, Orton G., Corporal.
Baker, Benj. T., “	Hakes, Hudson W., Private.
Bullard, Moses P., “	Humes, W. Alfred, “
Champney, Eben F., Musician.	Howe, George W., Private.
Cunningham, Olney E., Private.	Ives, John, “
Coffin, John A., “	Joslin, Sumner R., Sergeant.
Coffee, Daniel D., “	Johnston, Daniel, Private.

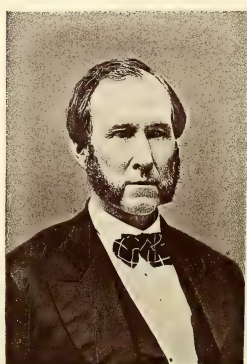


Letart, Joseph, Private.  
Lovell, Russell B., Corporal.  
Lake, Edward R., Private.  
Mann, David H., “  
Miles, Henry, “  
McCarthy, Jeremiah, “  
Merriam, Henry T., “  
Nehall, Charles F., “  
Noyce, William H., “  
Robinson, Alonzo W., “  
Rivers, Nelson, “

Sharron, Frank, Private.  
Stacy, Edward E., “  
Stockwell, Lewis, “  
Smith, Charles H., Corporal.  
Simmons, Charles H., Private.  
Tidd, Lewis T., Sergeant.  
Truax, Albert M., Private.  
Thompson, Wm. L., “  
Wood, Charles W., “  
White, Resdan, “  
Waterman, Geo. A., “







CLERGYMEN PAST AND PRESENT.

# ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

## CHAPTER FIFTH.

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### First and Evangelical Congregational Churches.

THE General Court of Massachusetts, in granting the forty proprietors leave to effect the purchase of the Indians, made it a condition that within three years they should build a meeting-house and school-house, and settle "a learned Orthodox minister"; and that they "should constantly maintain, and duly support, a minister and school-master among them";—all this to be done without charge to the Indians, though the benefits of the school and ministry were to be shared by them equally with the whites.

At a meeting of the proprietors, held April 9, 1728, it was voted that "the meeting-house should be placed and set up at or upon the centre of the said Plantation, in case the land at the centre be accommodable; otherwise at the nearest accommodable place to the centre." The second meeting was held here at the house of Nehemiah How, on the 19th of April. When the meeting had been duly organized,



it was voted to adjourn to the centre of the land to fix upon a spot for the erection of the meeting-house. Upon viewing the place said to be the centre, it was not found suitable for the purpose. This was a spot lying a little to the south, and about twenty-five or thirty rods easterly from where the Town Hall now stands, and where the land probably was thought to be too low and moist. A spot of ground was then viewed "westerly therefrom, upon the northerly end of a hill called by the Indians *Assawossachasuck*." That could not have been far from the place occupied by the Unitarian Church—a little to the west and south. Still another place was afterward viewed, and finally fixed upon, a little way southward of this last. That was the site from which the old meeting-house was removed a few years since.\* Thus we see these grave pioneers, cherishing the same religious zeal which characterized the primitive colonists of New England, making it their first care to provide for the worship of God. Their *first* vote at their *first* meeting relates to the selection of a proper situation for the house of prayer. Their second meeting was here in the very wilderness itself, as it then was, whither they had come to consummate this vote. We seem to see them now, a little company of less than half a hundred, passing about among the tall forest trees, which stood all over these places that are now covered with human habitations. They are asking where shall be laid the foundations of a Christian temple, before yet the worshippers are come, whose prayers and solemn praise are to consecrate it. Their own dwellings are not yet to be seen. The stakes are not set to mark the places where they are soon to rise. These things are to come after. Their Sabbath home first—their week-day tents

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\* Proprietors' Records. This meeting-house, built by the Proprietors, still stands on the western line of the Common. It was removed from the centre of the Common when it ceased to be used as a house of worship, and has been known of late by the name of "The Old Arcade."

in good time. To-day the wants of the soul—to-morrow the needs of the body. Just one month from the day on which the "Plantation" was bought of the Indians, the place for the meeting-house was decided upon. It was voted, on the next July, to have a meeting-house built and finished at or before November 1, 1730, thus allowing nearly two years and a half for the work.\* Its dimensions were, length 50 feet, width 40 feet, height 22 feet "between joynts."

At a meeting of the Proprietors held March 31, 1730, it was voted, "to continue the preaching of the gospel at Hassanamisco"; from which it appears that they had begun to have preaching before that time. Afterward they were probably supplied constantly till June 23, 1731; when a Fast was appointed for the first Thursday of the following September, preparatory to calling and settling a minister among them. The Fast was duly kept with the assistance of "some reverend elders," in the vicinity. On the day following, Mr. Solomon Prentice, of Cambridge, was called to be their minister.† It was at first voted to give Mr. Prentice, for his support, "ninety pounds of passable money, or bills of public credit as money now passes from man to man, or as the valuation of money shall be from time to time, or as said money rises and falls." At a subse-

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\* Meeting-house lot. April 23, 1728, laid out y<sup>e</sup> lot to set y<sup>e</sup> meeting-house upon, 4 acres in Hassanamisco, and lieth near thirty rod westward from y<sup>e</sup> center stated, and it includes the place pitched upon by y<sup>e</sup> society when upon y<sup>e</sup> spot, and begins at a small oak which is y<sup>e</sup> northeast angle, and runs south thirty-two (33) rod; then runs west twenty (19½) rod; then runs north thirty-two (33) rod; then east twenty (20) rod, to y<sup>e</sup> oak first mentioned. Y<sup>e</sup> three corners from y<sup>e</sup> oak are stones.

Surveyed pr.

JAMES KEYES.

Recorded Jan. 6, 1729.—*Proprietors' Records.*

† Mr. Prentice, it thus appears, was elected and invited by the Proprietors alone. No church had yet been formed. We see therefore that it was not deemed essential, in settling a minister, that he should be called by a church separately from the town or parish.

quent meeting it was voted to add ten pounds to the ninety. Mr. Prentice accepted the call, and the 29th day of December, 1731, was appointed for his ordination. On the day preceding, December 28th, the church was formed.

The following are the names of the persons then gathered into a church, with the places from which they came, and in which most of them had been previously connected with churches: Three, Rev. Solomon Prentice, Samuel Cooper and Benjamin Goddard, were from Cambridge; one, Capt. Benjamin Willard, from Framingham; two, James Whipple, Sen. and Jr., from Ipswich Hamlet; two, Thomas Pratt and Thomas Drury, from Shrewsbury; three, James Leland, Joseph and Simeon Willard, from Sutton; one, Nehemiah Howe, from Sudbury; three, John Collar, Jonathan Hall and Jason Whitney, from Stow; two, Abner Stow and Ephraim Brigham, from Marlborough; one, James Cutler, from Westborough; one, Eleazer Flegg (Flagg), from Concord; and one, Samuel Warren, from Weston; in all, twenty. These names stand subscribed to the original covenant. We recognize no great names here; at least none which the world has agreed to call great. But let not "grandeur hear with a disdainful smile." There are good names here, names, which, though not to be found upon the Scroll of Fame, are written upon a brighter page in the Book of Life; names they are of no mean account in that kingdom, whose least citizen is greater than earth's most illustrious potentate.

The meeting-house had porches one story and a half high on three sides, and in the porches were stairways by which to pass to the galleries on each side of the house. Two of these porches are ingeniously put together so as to form a dwelling-house, which stands at the foot of Millbury street, the last house on the north side. The great feature of this house, especially in the eyes of children, was the huge sounding-board above the pulpit. \*One who has often

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\* Capt. Benjamin Kingsbury.

wondered at it, while his elders were absorbed in the eloquence of the preacher, or soundly sleeping, says, "to a boy it looked like an island suspended in air. To him it was an object of wonder and admiration, and in spite of the wise lessons from the pulpit, that sounding-board, with its paintings, its panelling, its gorgeous trimmings, the brilliant tassels hanging down from it, was the great and central power of attraction. And during service he busied himself by contemplating, in imagination, the ruin which would ensue if it should break from its moorings and come down with a crash upon the head of the preacher!" And if he chanced to take a nap, it would have been easy for him to have dreamed that this had really taken place, when, at the close of the prayer, the seats in the pews, which were hung with hinges and turned up during the prayer, were let down with a crash, which it is said could be heard a half-mile away when the windows were open.

At the time of Mr. Prentice's settlement there were only nine pews in the meeting-house, the remaining space being filled with benches. The pews were large boxes, almost square,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  by 5 feet, with seats on three sides, and so high that when the people sat down they could not see each other, but could only see the preacher who towered above them in his high pulpit, and poured the gospel down into these "pits," as they were not inappropriately called. The fashions could only be studied while the people were standing during prayer.

The house in which he lived is still standing. It is located on Oak street, and is owned by Henry Prentice, and true to its first purpose, is still a minister's home, being occupied by Rev. A. C. Hussey.

The covenant which they adopted is as follows:—

"We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, inhabitants of Hassa namisco, in New England, knowing that we are very prone to offend God, the Most High, both in heart and life, through the prevalency of sin that dwelleth within us, and the manifold temptations from without



us, for which we have great reason to be unfeignedly humble before Him from day to day: Do, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, with dependence upon the gracious assistance of His Holy Spirit, solemnly enter into a covenant with God, and one with another, according to God, as follows:—

First.—That having chosen and taken the Lord Jehovah to be our God, we will fear Him, cleave to Him in love, and serve Him in truth, with all our hearts, giving up ourselves to Him to be His people, in all things, to be at His direction and sovereign disposal, that we may have and hold communion with Him as members of Christ's mystical body, according to His revealed will, to our lives' end.

Secondly.—We also bind ourselves to bring up our children and servants in the knowledge and fear of God, by His instructions according to our best abilities, and in special by the use of Orthodox Catechism[s], that the true religion may be maintained in our families while we live; yea, and among such as shall live when we are dead and gone.

Thirdly.—We furthermore promise to keep close to the truth of Christ, endeavoring with lively affection towards it in our hearts, to defend it against all opposers thereof, as God shall call us at any time thereunto; which, that we may do, we resolve to use the Holy Scriptures as our platform whereby we may discern the mind and will of Christ, and not the new-found inventions of men.

Fourthly.—We also engage ourselves to have a careful inspection over our own hearts, so as to endeavor, by virtue of the death of Christ, the mortification of all our sinful passions, worldly frames, and disorderly affections, whereby we may be withdrawn from the living God.

Fifthly.—We moreover oblige ourselves, in the faithful improvement of all our abilities and opportunities, to worship God according to the particular institutions of Christ for His church under Gospel administrations; as to give reverend attention to the word of God, to pray unto Him, to sing His praises, and to hold communion one with another, in the use of both the seals, viz.: Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Sixthly.—We likewise promise, that we will peaceably submit unto the holy discipline appointed by Christ in His church for offenders, obeying them that rule over us in the Lord.

Seventhly.—We also bind ourselves to walk in love one toward another, endeavoring our mutual edification, visiting, exhorting, comforting as occasion serveth, and warning any brother or sister which offends, not divulging private offences irregularly, but heedfully following the several precepts laid down by Christ for church dealing, 18th Matt. 16, 17, 18, willingly forgiving all that manifest unto the judgment of charity that they truly repent of all their mismanagements.



Now the God of peace, which brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us all perfect in every good work to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever."

This covenant, you perceive, is liberal and unsectarian. In this respect it resembled those generally used in the early Congregational churches of the country. This very covenant, indeed, was adopted by several other churches in the vicinity afterwards, and probably had been in use elsewhere before it was submitted to this church.\*

The ordination of Mr. Prentice, as has been observed, took place the day after the formation of the church. Testimonials of his qualifications for the ministry are among the Proprietors' Records, signed by Messrs. Trowbridge, of Groton, Appleton, of Cambridge, and Parkman, of Westborough.

REV. SOLOMON PRENTICE was born in Cambridge, May 11, 1705, and was the son of Solomon Prentice of that place. He was graduated at Harvard College, 1727, and was a classmate of Governors Hutchinson and Trumbull. His ordination over the church here, of which he was the first minister, took place December 29, 1731, Rev. Nathaniel Appleton, of Cambridge, preaching the ordination sermon. In 1740, the celebrated Whitefield came over to this country from England, whose preaching excited a great deal of enthusiasm, and was the occasion of much controversy among the clergy, and of many unhappy divisions in the

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\* It was adopted by the First Church in Sterling in 1744, and by the Northborough Church in 1746, as we learn from Rev. Mr. Allen's Centennial Discourse; and by the First Church in Worcester, with some slight modifications making it more doctrinal, in 1746, as we learn from Mr. Lincoln's History of Worcester. Mr. Lincoln, in his excellent work (p. 171) *seems* to attribute the authorship of it to Rev. Messrs. Campbell, of Oxford, and Stone, of Southborough, on the authority of Rev. Mr. Maccarty. These gentlemen probably brought it forward for the acceptance of that church, but could hardly have originated it, as it had been long in use before that time.

churches of New England. Mr. Prentice was a great admirer of Whitefield, and became one of what were called "The New Lights." His course was not approved by his society; and a controversy arose which led to his dismissal, July 10, 1747. He was afterwards settled in Easton, Bristol County, where he remained about seven years. He then joined the Presbyterians, but was suspended by the presbytery in 1754; after which he returned to this town, where he resided until his death, May 22, 1773, at the age of sixty-eight.

#### ORDINATION.

At the ordination of Rev. Solomon Prentice, the introductory prayer was offered by Rev. Ebenezer Parkman, of Westborough; sermon by Rev. Nathaniel Appleton, of Cambridge; ordaining prayer by Rev. Mr. Smith, of Framingham. Rev. Caleb Trowbridge, of Groton, joined in the laying on of hands. Right hand of fellowship, Rev. Mr. Loring, of Sudbury. During Mr. Prentice's ministry 178 were added to the church.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered for the first time April 9th, 1732. No provision seems to have been made for supplying the communion table with suitable furniture, till the beginning of the year 1734, when £8, 4s. were raised for the purpose from the following sources: Five of the Proprietors living out of town contributed £1, 7s. 6d.; the congregation contributed £2, 6s. 6d.; the Rev. Mr. Flynt, of Harvard College, gave £1, 10s.,\* and the church itself contributed £3. Deacon James Whipple, Eleazer Fletcher and Silas Warren, at different times afterwards, presented vessels to the church for their use in the ordinances.

The congregation were not then permitted to choose their own seats in the meeting-house, nor to become permanent

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\*For an interesting account of this early benefactor of the church, see Pierce's History of Harvard College, pp. 260-264.

proprietors of any particular accommodation in it. A committee was chosen from time to time, to assign seats to the worshippers, "according to estate and age." This assignment of seats was called "seating the meeting-house." The Indians being entitled to all the privileges of the other inhabitants in regard to public worship, were consulted as to their choice of seats, and were finally appointed to sit on either side of the front door against the walls of the house, the men on one side and the women on the other.

The committee chosen to seat the meeting-house, Thomas Drury, Zerubbable Eager and Phineas Rice, reported as follows:—

"The pews—the right hand of the east door, to the Widow Willard and her son Simeon Willard.

The second, Ensign Eagers.

The third, Joseph Merriam.

The fourth to Captain Barrett.

The fifth to Captain Hall.

The sixth to Richard Taylor.

At the left hand of the west door, Charles Brigham.

The second, Left. Drury.

The third, John Sherman.

The fourth, Phineas Rice.

The fore seat below, Mr. Flint, Captain Leland, Nehemiah How, Captain Willard, Ensign Pratt, Captain Brigham.

The fore seat of the front, Jonas Houghton, Samuel Stow, Eliazer Flagg, John Hunt, Samuel Chandler, Benjamin Barrett, Captain Jones.

The long fore seat, John Davis, Jonathan Morey, Captain Watson, Samuel Biglo, Widdo Herrington, Thomas Weeks, Jacob Taylor, Simon Gates.

The second seat, Jeremiah Bestow, John Ward, Nathaniel Wilder, Thomas Stow, John Collier, Deacon Hapgood, John Warring.

The third seat below, Simon Gates, Jr., Jonathan Rice, Joseph Willard, David Herrington, Captain Rogers, Ebenezer Wheeler."

The connection between Mr. Prentice and his people was one of uninterrupted harmony for several years. The men of those days were men of prayer, who cheerfully maintained the institutions of Christianity, murmuring at no sac-

rifices which were necessary to secure the ministrations of the word of God. They were a people of few wants and simple habits. Their ministers, like themselves, lived frugally, and usually shared with them, to greater or less extent, in the labors of husbandry. If there is truth in the lines of the old poet, they were abundantly blessed, scanty as were their worldly endowments:—

“ For gold and grace did never yet agree;  
Religion always sides with poverty.”

An anecdote, which tradition has preserved, gives us a vivid picture of the wildness of the country at this period. Mr. Prentice, it is said, proceeding to meeting on a Sunday morning, observed a bear ranging among the boughs of a chestnut tree not far from the meeting-house. Probably thinking it hardly prudent to leave him to go at large, while the congregation were occupied in worship, he returned to his house, and taking his gun, brought down the unwelcome intruder from his retreat; after which he again took his way to the church, where he undoubtedly led the devotions of the assembly with more concentration and fervor of mind than he could have commanded, if he had suffered the wild beast to roam through the neighborhood in freedom.\*

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\* This anecdote occasions us no qualms of conscience on our own behalf, but we are almost surprised, we confess, that neither Mr. Prentice nor his parishoners should have had any scruples as to the propriety of his act, in those days of punctilious Sabbath-keeping. Had it been a question of a few rows of corn, or a sheep or two, we cannot think the minister would have turned from his walk to the meeting-house. But the apprehension that might be felt for the safety of children, or other unprotected persons in the settlement, would perhaps justify it to the most exact.

It seems to us more in keeping with the spirit of the age, that “Brother Ezekiel Cole” should have “come before the church,” as the records say he did, on the 13th of February, 1743, “and acknowledged his fault for going a gunning on the public thanksgiving day appointed for the King’s deliverance in the late battle on the river Mayne in Germany.”



November 15, 1738, the committee on seating the meeting-house reported as follows:—

<p><i>In the fore seat below.</i></p> <p>Thomas Drury, Thomas Pratt, John Perham, James Moore, Nehemiah How, Samuel Colburn, Jonathan Child.</p>	<p><i>In the fore seat of the long gallery.</i></p> <p>James Harrington, Thomas Ax-tell, Jr., Jeddediah Biglo, Nathaniel Whitmore, William Simpson, Benjamin Pratt, Jonathan Stow, Benjamin Grover, Benjamin Harwood, Robert Moore, James Roseborough.</p>
<p><i>In the second seat.</i></p> <p>Robert Ferguson, Eleazer Fletcher, Jacob Whipple, Marke Bachelor, Isaac Herrington, John Foster, Israel Stevens.</p>	<p><i>The fourth seat below.</i></p> <p>Silas Wetherbee, Ebenezer Wheeler, Robert Flag, Nathaniel Adams, Benjamin Leland, Joseph Moore.</p>
<p><i>The fore seat of ye front.</i></p> <p>Joseph Rice, Benjamin Goddard, Caleb Benjamin, Jason Whitney, Abner Stow, Francis Herrington, Hezekiah Taylor.</p>	<p><i>The second seat of ye front.</i></p> <p>Benjamin Chapin, Benjamin Willard, Phineas Pratt, William Thompson, Andrew Adams, David Safford, Samuel Monroe.</p>
<p><i>The third seat below.</i></p> <p>Joseph Goodell, Joseph Perry, John Sherman, Jonathan Morse, William Perham, David Bachellor, Jonathan Adams.</p>	<p><i>The fifth seat below.</i></p> <p>Moses Leland, Nchemiah Bachellor, James Ferguson, William Ward, Benjamin Warrin, Jonathan Rogers.</p>

<p>NEHEMIAH HOW, CALEB BENJAMIN, JASON WHITNEY, ISRAEL STEVENS,</p>	<p>} Com.</p>
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No events of particular importance, in the history of the church, are to be noticed for about ten years after the settlement of the first minister. It was about the year 1740, that the memorable and wide-spread religious excitement of



the last century began to be strongly felt here. It was in the latter part of that year that Whitefield arrived in Boston. The churches throughout the land were thrown into a state of intense agitation. Rev. Mr. Prentice was one who decidedly favored the movement, and encouraged the measures of the itinerant preachers, whom he invited freely into his pulpit. He became what was termed at that time a "New Light," a title, the origin and precise significance of which we are not sure that we know; but we have supposed that it referred to that inner light or perception, which some of the more extravagant of the revivalists claimed to possess, and to the guidance of which they trusted with scarcely less confidence than to the light of Scripture.\* Whitefield is said to have preached here one or more times, though not, as we can learn, with any very extraordinary effect. On the 16th of May, 1742, Rev. Philemon Robbins, of Branford, Conn., a man who was actively engaged, both at home and abroad, in promoting the excitement, preached here, when twenty or more persons are reported to have fallen down with distress and anguish.† Ezekiel Coal (or Cole), a member of this church, and an Indian, Solomon Paine, Elihu Marsh, and others, who had been ordained as lay preachers or exhorters, also came among the people at this period and preached.

The course of the pastor was not approved by all the church. By the beginning of the year 1743, a disaffection had sprung up which continued to work till it resulted in Mr. Prentice's dismissal. Seven members at first with-

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\* Many who were then known as belonging to the "New Light" party, afterwards, we are told, went to make up a set of strange fanatics called "Live-forevers," who had their headquarters hereabouts, and professed to believe that they should live an endless life on earth. After this bubble of delusion burst, the same elements, as was natural, entered into a third combination, and flourished for a while as Shakers.

† Rev. Mr. Parkman's Journal, in Tracy's "Great Awakening," p. 207.

drew from the communion.\* This led to discipline and discord. Meetings of the church were held without effect. Council upon council was called with no better results. Neither party were satisfied nor conciliated. After many difficulties, which we have neither the time nor inclination to detail, a council was at last agreed on, which met on the 2nd of October, 1744. It closed its session on the 11th. The "result" was printed by the aggrieved brethren, a circumstance which shows that it was regarded as rather more favorable to themselves than to their pastor. It is an interesting document, as showing some of the extravagances into which even sincere and well-meaning Christians are liable to fall in seasons of high excitement, when the passions override the reason, and as illustrating some of the peculiar absurdities which were not rare at that period. It shows also that Mr. Prentice had gone so far as to lose, in a measure at least, the confidence of his ministerial brethren of the neighborhood, as a prudent and discreet minister. Among the doctrines which he was charged with preaching, were such as these: That we "are to love none but such as are savingly converted"; that the "life and practice are the negative part" of Christianity; that a converted man might know others, whether they were converted or not, by conversing with them; that he might in fact, "give a near guess, if they held their tongues." The council judged that he had gone too far in his language on these points. Another charge was, that he had said that "some ministers would advise some persons in distress to prayer, which he said was abominable." Referring to the remark of another, "that prayer is as fatal to the soul as rats-bane is to the body," he was said to have added, "I leave that, but I say it is abom-

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\* These seven were Thomas Axtell, Thomas Drury, John Ward, Aaron Hardy, Israel Stevens, Jason Whitney and Simon Taintor. It appears before the 9th of January, 1743, "they had for some time withdrawn from the communion." Some of them afterwards went so far as to sign another covenant.

inable! abominable!" This doctrine the council pronounced unsound and of dangerous tendency. Another charge was, that he had said that "the Court of Heaven was adjourned for a little space, till one of the members came down to take upon him humanity." These expressions were condemned as untrue, and as "discovering a want of sound knowledge, and implying a variety of absurd notions." It was complained that in one of his sermons he had said that "persons would follow their unconverted ministers, till they come to hell." It was one of the doctrines broached and much insisted on during this religious agitation, that those who were truly converted must not only certainly know it, but that they had the power of discerning with hardly less than certainty, whether or not others were converted, and nothing was more common among the over-heated zealots of that day, than the pronouncement of wholesale condemnation against the ministers of the land, multitudes of whom were denounced as unconverted men. Mr. Prentice was thought by the council to have countenanced these hard and uncharitable judgments too much.

One other charge against the doctrines he preached was, that he had said, "to what purpose is it to preach to an unregenerate man," \* \* \* "to tell him he must not kill, must not steal, must not do these and those things? for he has no power to resist them; for he is the Devil's slave and vassal, and doeth just what the Devil would have him do." This was considered by the council as "carrying the matter too far." The introduction of uneducated exhorters and itinerants into his pulpit, and the obtrusion of himself into the charges of other ministers without their consent, were also charges preferred against him. The council judged it condemnable, and entreated him to guard against such a course in future. Other complaints were brought against the preaching of Mr. Prentice, in which the council thought it proper to condemn him in part, and caution him for the future. Nothing was urged against him

affecting his moral character. The council exhorted the aggrieved brethren to bury all past dissatisfaction, and to sit contentedly and peaceably under his ministrations, if he should accept their judgment and advice.

We might suspect from the censures laid upon Mr. Prentice by this council, that the men who composed it were unfriendly to him or to the revival. But this suspicion is forbidden by the fact that it was a *mutual* council. And we find the names of a majority of the clerical members, associated with that of Mr. Prentice himself, in a document issued the previous year from an assembly of ministers met in Boston, bearing testimony to the genuineness of "the late revival of religion."\* There can be no doubt that he was one of the most zealous favorers of the extraordinary means which were employed to produce the tempest of religious emotion which swept over the whole country. His honesty and conscientiousness are not to be doubted for a moment—his discretion may be. Some good probably came of his measures; but that much evil accompanied it there can be no question. If there was a revival of religion here, there was a revival of some things else which were not so good. The excitement bore some fruits which are not to be recognized as Christian fruits. The result of the council was accepted by both parties, but evidently with little heartiness on the part of the pastor. Indeed he declared to the church that he felt "very much hurt and pressed by it";

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\* The following seven churches were represented in this council: The Third Church in Ipswich, then called Ipswich Hamlet, now the town of Hamilton—Samuel Wigglesworth, its pastor, was moderator of the council; the First Church in Mendon, Joseph Dorr, pastor; the Second Church in Mendon, now Milford, Amariah Frost, pastor; the Church in Medford, Ebenezer Turell, pastor; the First Church in Malden, Joseph Emerson, pastor; the First Church in Reading, William Hobby, pastor; the Third Church in Salem. We are informed that there was no church in Salem designated as the Third, at the time this council was convened. But that which afterwards took the style of the Third Church had for its pastor, at that time, Samuel Fisk. It is that which is now called the Tabernacle Church.



but "as he had submitted matters of controversy to the council," he acquiesced in their judgment, "so far as he could and not infringe upon his conscience." There was but a temporary quiet enjoyed by the church after this adjustment of its difficulties. There had been no real reconciliation. In the early part of 1746 the disaffection broke out anew.\* Mr. Prentice was charged with not having followed the advice of the council in all particulars. He replied that he never intended to in every particular, as he must violate his own conscience if he did so. Church meetings were resumed; council followed council as before; but all to no purpose. The advice of the counsellors was in each case voted accepted by all, and then followed by none. The church continued in this distracted state till Mr. Prentice at last "signified that he was discouraged in his station," and was willing to receive a dismission. A council was accordingly called, by whose advice he was dismissed; July 10th, 1747. In a communication which he made to this council, he alludes most touchingly to his trials and perplexities, exhibiting a deep and tender interest in the flock of his charge, and expressing his desire to continue in the sacred office of the ministry, "if it might be for the glory of God, and the spiritual good of His church and people." It breathes throughout the spirit of the devoted Christian pastor, who desires to live only for his Master's great work; and whatever errors of doctrine or practice he may have fallen into in the administration of religious truth, none, who read his feeling lamentations over the sad dissensions in the church, and his humble account of his own labors, can fail to be impressed with the belief that he was a "man of God," pure in heart, and of true piety. Whatever may have been his errors, their root was not in the heart. Mr. Prentice erected a house, in which he lived while minister of

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\* The length to which it had gone may be inferred from the following entry made by the pastor upon the records: "May 4, 1746, Sac't of the Lord's Supper administered here. Many, viz. sixty, absent."



the town, upon or near the spot occupied by the house of Hon. Samuel Wood, in 1846, now the residence of George F. Slocumb, Esq. It was nearly three years after Mr. Prentice was dismissed before another minister was settled. During this interval, in 1749, the church voted to take the Cambridge platform as their rule of church discipline "in the main things or articles therein contained." They took it only "in so far as they thought it to be supported by and grounded on the express word of God." "As to other things that might be looked on as expedients for the well-ordering of a church," they adopted it as their "*general*" rule.\*

REV. AARON HUTCHINSON, from Hebron, Ct., was ordained the second pastor of this church, June 6, 1750. He graduated at Yale College in 1747, and was honored with the degree of Master of Arts from Harvard and Dartmouth colleges. He was born in Hebron, Ct.,—that is, within what was Hebron at the time of his birth. After he was dismissed from his pastoral charge here, he supplied pulpits in the neighborhood for some time. In the spring of 1775, he purchased a farm in Pomfret, Vt., and made a contract to supply the towns of Pomfret, Woodstock and Hartford, each a third part of the time for five years. On this farm, to which he removed in 1776, he remained till his death, which took place in September, 1800, he having reached the

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\*The attempt seems to have been made at a later day to bring the church under a more stringent application of the Cambridge platform, but without success. The question, as it came before the church, seems to have been, "whether the church do now adhere to the Cambridge platform, *as a full and just system* for church rule and discipline, *as being full well proved and supported by the word of God in each and every part and paragraph therein contained.*" The words *italicized* are partially erased. The vote as passed was, "to adhere to it as a good plan of church rule and discipline." We may also infer that this church practised a less rigorous discipline than some of the neighboring churches, from the fact that one of its members, in regular standing, was refused admittance to a church in an adjoining town, because of his unwillingness to sign their articles of discipline.

age of seventy-six and a half years. He continued to preach in various places while he lived, often to destitute parishes without receiving or asking any compensation. "In his long ministerial life he was never prevented from preaching by ill-health but two Sabbaths, and one of them was the last Sabbath before he died."

## ORDINATION.

At the ordination of Rev. Aaron Hutchinson, Rev. Mr. Martyn, of Westborough, now Northborough, offered the introductory prayer; Rev. Mr. Pumroy, of Hebron, Conn., preached the sermon—text, Acts 20: 28; the charge by Rev. Mr. Loring, of Sudbury; right hand by Rev. Mr. Parkman, of Westborough; ordaining prayer by Rev. Mr. Hall, of Sutton. During his ministry eighty-three were added to the church. Mr. Hutchinson's salary was four hundred pounds, old tenor, "during his continuing regular in the pastoral office in said Grafton." These four hundred pounds were to be paid when the following commodities were marketable at the following prices, "and to rise and fall in proportion as the several necessities of life herein mentioned are generally bought and sold":—

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"Wheat at	2	0	0	the bushel.
Rye "	1	10	0	" "
Ind. Corn "	1	0	0	" "
Pork "	0	2	0	the pound.
Beef "	0	1	0	" "

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Mr. Hutchinson remained in the ministry here till November 18, 1772, when he was dismissed by the church (though not by the town), having been the pastor a little more than twenty-two years. The condition of the church during his connection with it seems to have been for the most part peaceful and prosperous. He was a man of strong natural powers of mind, and was considered a learned man and a good classical scholar by his contemporaries. Soon after his

settlement the covenant was so altered as to recognize the doctrine of the Trinity, and to require the Scriptures to be understood "in that view as exhibited to us in the well-known Westminster Catechism." It was the hand of Mr. Hutchinson that interlined these alterations of the covenant, and it was doubtless his counsel that led to their adoption. In his theology he was severe and somewhat dogmatical. Being called in the year 1767 to Newbury, to sit on an ecclesiastical council which was convened by some disaffected members of the First Church in that place, a Sabbath passed during the time the council was in session, and Mr. Hutchinson preached by invitation at Newburyport. His sermon was published, and led to a protracted controversy. Rev. John Tucker (afterwards Dr.), minister of the First parish in Newbury, was of Arminian sentiments—sentiments which were then entertained by a considerable number of the clergy of New England. It was his supposed heresy which called together the council of which Mr. Hutchinson was a member. The sermon that he preached was aimed at this defection from Calvin, and those preachers who countenanced it. It was entitled "Valour for the Truth."\* The main doctrine which it seeks to establish, is that of original and imputed sin, which he carries out to its full and legitimate results, by urging that infants are exposed to damnation and eternal misery. He opposes the notion that infants are innocent, with argument, satire and ridicule, declaring that they are "sinners, guilty and polluted, or they cannot be saved in any way pointed out in our Bible." This odious doctrine, now abandoned by many Calvinists of New England, Mr. Hutchinson propounded and maintained in all its offensive baldness, without any attempt at softening or palliation; dealing ever and anon, as he went along, side blows at those preachers whose teaching con-

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\* Text—Jer. 9: 3—"But they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth."

formed not to his doctrine, and almost as often at those "*Neuters*," as he termed them, "who hide their principles, hover in the dark, and whose trumpet gives an uncertain sound." If he has little patience with those who deny his cherished dogmas, he has less with those who say nothing about them, or hold them by halves. Mr. Tucker reviewed his sermon, and pamphlets followed from both sides. Mr. Hutchinson found he had encountered no contemptible antagonist. He was opposed with a set of weapons different from his own, but not less effective. He was a son of thunder, strong, bold and impetuous. His opponent was quick-eyed, practised and self-possessed. The skill of the disputants, and the lively interest taken in the questions under discussion by the religious world at that period, gave considerable celebrity to the controversy. Mr. Hutchinson was distinguished for an extraordinary memory. The tradition is familiar that he considered himself capable of re-writing the New Testament if it should be lost. It is said he would enter the pulpit and go through the whole service without opening a book of any kind. He appointed his hymns and recited them, as well as passages of Scripture, with entire confidence in his memory, and without mistake.

The church records throw no light upon the causes of Mr. Hutchinson's dismissal from his people. They barely state the fact of his dismissal, showing that the proposition to separate came from himself. Difficulties are hinted at, but neither stated nor explained. We find in the town records, that when it was voted, in 1771, to pay Mr. Hutchinson his salary as usual, fifteen persons entered their dissent from that vote, on the ground, that he had "forfeited his salary by his irregular conduct, as had been proved before an ecclesiastical council, he having been found guilty of dissimulation, hypocrisy and violation of truth." But the charges of these fifteen dissenters bear strong marks of being dictated by feelings of personal unfriendliness; for

it is not probable that if such flagrant misconduct had been clearly proven to the satisfaction of the unprejudiced, the number of dissenters would have been so small, nor that the town would have refused to dismiss Mr. Hutchinson when a council advised it. Neither can we suppose that the church would have recommended him to the fellowship of a sister church, as they did, if they had believed that such charges against his moral character could be substantiated. The town refused to accept the result of the council which advised Mr. Hutchinson's dismissal in 1771, and voted not to release him. And when the question came up a year after, whether they would concur with the church's vote in dismissing him, they refused to concur. It appears that he had not become generally unacceptable to the people; and that the town never did by vote consent to his dismissal. Many were dissatisfied that the church should act in the matter without the concurrence of the town, and when afterwards the town was asked to unite with the church in calling another minister, one man, Mr. Abraham Temple, objected to any such proceeding being had on the ground that "the church had not informed the town what is become of their old minister." The church, however, expressly disclaimed the intention of abridging the rights of the town, or of assuming the power to settle or dismiss a minister without the town's consent. It is probable that Mr. Hutchinson, finding that his presence was the cause of dissension, chose to retire without waiting for the town to agree to his departure. The termination of his pastoral relation to his people, we are inclined to believe, was occasioned more by some offensive eccentricities in his social habits, than by any defect of moral character, or disqualifications as a teacher of religion. He was without grace or polish in his manners, and his freedom, though he probably was not conscious of it himself, must often have verged upon rudeness. This trait might naturally produce in some minds, after a time, a degree of coolness, and even aversion. And a breach being



once made, it is not difficult to conceive that it should gradually increase till it ended in an open rupture.

The house, which stood a few feet south of the "Evangelical Congregational" church, was built and occupied by Mr. Hutchinson. Several of his sermons were published. Those which we have seen bear the same characteristics on which we have remarked at some length in one of them. He was confident in his opinions and strong in maintaining them. He pressed his views vigorously and forcibly upon his hearers, and probably carried them with him generally to his own conclusions. He must have been a preacher of much more than common power and influence.

The following list of sermons we find in the catalogue of the American Antiquarian Society's Library, preached by Mr. Hutchinson. It is hardly probable that this is a complete list of his published discourses.

"Valour for the Truth, a Sermon preached at Newburyport, Mass., April 27, 1767, 8vo. Boston, 1767."

"Sermon at Grafton, Mass., Oct. 23, 1768, 8vo. Boston, 1769." (This was a sermon preached the Sabbath after the execution of Arthur, at Worcester).

"Two Sermons at Grafton, Nov. 15, 1772, 8vo. Boston, 1773." (His last sermons to his congregation in Grafton).

"Sermon at Northbridge, Mass., Nov. 29, 1772, 8vo. Boston, 1773."

"Sermon at Pelham, Mass., Dec., 28, 1773, 8vo. Boston."

In the year 1770, Watts's version of the Psalms, "together with his Scripture hymns in the first and third books," came into use as a collection of hymns for public worship. Previous to this the New England version had been in use, and the change to a new book was here, as generally elsewhere, attended with no little difficulty and opposition. The hymns were read, line by line, by one of the deacons; another set the tune, and the whole congregation joined. The same mode of singing was practised in most of our towns; and in them a like revolution took place about the same time. This venerable version, which had long been used as a part of the religious services in the New England churches,

could no longer withstand the spirit of innovation. It was compelled to give way to the more appropriate version of Watts, all of which was then adopted except the second book of his hymns. This was rejected on account of its supposed unscriptural character. The change, however, was not made without opposition; and for a time, many of the elderly part of the society could not be reconciled to it. To the old psalms and hymns they felt a strong attachment, and with them were connected some of their fondest associations. They had been accustomed to them from their youth, and to lay them aside was like discarding an old and well tried friend. The psalmody of modern times, however harmonious to the ears of the young, struck no chord of unison in their hearts; it excited no feelings of devotion; but on the other hand, seemed like a profanation of the temple of the Most High. It was about the same time that the church relinquished to selected choristers the authority to appoint the tunes which should be sung in church; though not without a reservation, which required all but the tune after the last prayer to be "such tunes as have been usual of late, and such old tunes as upon tryal may be thought proper for the public worship." The first persons chosen choristers were Jonathan Stow and Moses Harrington.

The following is a copy of a letter written to the church, June 29, 1753:—

"Whereas the solemnity of the Lord's Supper comes in course the next Sabbath and being desirous to come all together in the unity the spirit and in charity which is the bond of peace, and understand that a number are dissatisfied at my conduct the Sabbath after the last Sacrament, in admitting some persons to own their baptismal covenant (as they suppose) without the consent of the bretheren and am desirous (if possible) to remove all occasion for such uneasiness let me therefore say,

1—That when I spake of taking their sence for consent and proceeding I do solemnly say I am not concious I had the lest thot of being understood otherwise than as asking their silent consent in the same sense I have often used the praise, so far as it related to their persons;

but as divers understood me that I asked their silent consent only to this that they had nothing of moral scandal to object I am convinced I spake too dark and perplexed, and thereby gave allusion of uneasiness with the proceeding as contrary to Congregational principles.

2—As to my proceeding after an objection was made against one; that I have not altered my mind as to the thing objected, as I understood it yet I am free to say, it was neither right nor prudent in me to make myself the sole Judge in that affair, nor should I have done it then if I had not supposed myself fully acquainted with the thing objected and had received satisfaction about it.

3—As to what I said about the disordertiness of objecting moral scandal at such a time I am sorry I had not spake in milder terms and especially considering that disorder (such as it was) began in me in speaking so as to be understood to open the door for such objections.

4—As to what I said last of all, of not receiving tatling ill reports for objections; but only things brot formally, by rule I clearly remember that, what gave rise to that speech was what I had said before that no objections had been lodged with me, that it might be understood what I ment by objections, and to explain myself, to stirr up the pure minds of the church by way of remembrance of the rule — inserted in our covenant and to let them know I dare not otherwise receive objections except in notorious cases. And I am clear in it however inadvertant I might be, that it was not then in my Heart to reflect upon any particular person as a traitor, talebearer, etc.

5—Whereas the matter of receiving persons to own their baptismal covenants labors so much with a number, I propose not to propound any more till I have laid it before the church to alter or regulate as they see cause.

6—I take this opportunity to desire the church and congregation not only to forgive me wherein I have stept a wrong in this affair, but cordially to cover my imprudances and infirmities with a mantle of Love, and I hope and trust God will make me more watchful and cicumspect and so overule both my sins and sorrows for my best good.

AARON HUTCHINSON.

After Mr. Hutchinson's dismissal the church was without a pastor till Oct. 19, 1774, when Mr. DANIEL GROSVENOR, from Pomfret, Conn., was ordained the third minister of the town.

#### ORDINATION.

At the ordination of Rev. Daniel Grosvenor, the introductory prayer was offered by Rev. Aaron Putnam, of the First Church of Pomfret, Conn.; sermon by Rev. Ebenezer

Grosvenor, of Scituate; text, Gen. 45:24.\* Ordaining prayer by Rev. Elisha Fish, of Upton; laying on of hands by Rev. David Ripley, of the Third Church in Pomfret (now Abington), and Rev. Joseph Sumner, of Shrewsbury; charge by Rev. David Hall, of Sutton; right hand of fellowship by Rev. Amariah Frost, of Mendon (now Milford); concluding prayer by Rev. Josiah Whitney, of the Second Church in Pomfret (now Brooklyn).

During Mr. Grosvenor's ministry 41 were added to the Church.

The following is a copy of a deed for a pew in the old meeting-house:—

"Know all men by these presents that whereas we, Benjamin Walker, Joseph Wood, Luke Drurey, Zebede Reading and Moses Hayden, all of Grafton, in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Gent: are appointed by legal voters of said Grafton, a committee for the sale and conveyance of all the Pews in the Meeting House of said town, and being duly authorized for the purpose aforesaid, for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty-Eight Pounds to us in hand Paid by Simon Bruce of the town aforesaid Trader, the Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, have sold and by these Presents do sell, convey and confirm unto him the said Simon Bruce, his heirs and assigns for Ever, a Certain Pew in the Meeting House, No. 25, to his and their only use Benefit and Behoof forever. In testimony whereof We the above Named committee have in the character of a committee for and in behalf of said town of Grafton hereunto set our hands and seals this 28th Day of Nov.—1785.

In Presents of	}	BENJAMIN WALKER	JOSEPH WOOD
NATHL. SHARMAN		ZEBEDEE REDDING	LUKE DRURY
JOSEPH WARRIN.		MOSES HAYDEN.	

Rev. Daniel Grosvenor was born in Pomfret, Conn., in 1749, graduated at Yale College in 1769, and died in Peterham, July 22, 1834, aged eighty-four years.

Mr. Grosvenor continued in the ministry here till the close of the year 1787, when he was dismissed at his own

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\* The preacher was an older brother of the pastor elect, at that time minister of Scituate, afterwards settled at Harvard. His sermon was printed. His text, "See that ye fall not out by the way," gave him occasion to point out the sources both in minister and people, from which fallings out usually come. Its council was judicious and well-timed.



request, having lost his voice. He had never constant and firm health, and was obliged occasionally to suspend his pulpit labors for a while, before the failure of his voice entirely disabled him. The success of his ministerial labors here is best attested by the unwillingness of his people to consent to his removal, so long as they saw any reason to hope that he would be able to resume his labors. He was a man of very pleasing manners, both in the pulpit and out of it, dignified in his bearing, courteous and engaging in his address. Rare conversational powers, united with these qualities, made him everywhere a pleasant companion. His fondness of anecdote, ready wit and plentiful resources, also serve to make his presence always welcome to those who loved society. In his doctrines he was said to be moderate, avoiding all extremes; and as his manner of speaking was easy, fluent and vivacious, his attractions as a preacher were much more than ordinary. The years of his ministry embraced the period of our Revolutionary struggle, in which crisis he evinced his attachment to the cause of his country by "leaving his pulpit, taking his musket and joining the company of minute men that went to Cambridge on the 19th of April."\* The church was united and peaceful during his ministry, and consented with reluctance to his dismissal.

Mr. Grosvenor, having recovered his voice, was settled again in Paxton on the 5th of November, 1794, where he remained eight years. He resigned his charge there on the 17th of November, 1802,† and spent the latter years of his life at Petersham. After Mr. Grosvenor's resignation the church remained destitute of a pastor nearly nine years. The records made during this time are meagre, and contain little matter of interest. The same year Mr. Nathaniel Howe was invited to become the minister of the town, but declined the invitation.

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\* Brigham's Centennial Address, p. 29.

† Worcester Magazine, II., 240.



Rev. Mr. Grosvenor was succeeded by Mr. JOHN MILES, a native of Westminster and graduate of Brown University, R. I., who was ordained the fourth pastor of the church, Oct. 12th, 1796. We here come to a period in the history of which some now living bore a part. He was born in Westminster, Mass., Nov. 3, 1765, and was graduated, at Brown University, Providence, R. I., of the class of 1794. After leaving college, he studied for the ministry, under the care of Rev. Dr. Sanger of Bridgewater. He was ordained here Oct. 12, 1796, over the only society in the town. Accordingly, as in the case of most country ministers at that period, he was the minister of the town, and settled for life. On account of the great numbers who assembled to witness his introduction into office, the ordination services were held on the Common in the open air. The marriage of a minister, in those early days, was an occasion of almost equal interest as that of his ordination. He was married, May 1, 1798, to Mary Denny, daughter of Col. Samuel Denny of Leicester an event which, in the language of another, "did something more than connect him with families well known and respected in Worcester County, valuable as that was; it gave him one who, in other than the partial judgment of filial affection, was fitted in no common degree for the place she was called to fill." "For a period of nearly thirty years, embracing, beyond doubt, the most embarrassing and trying portion of the history of the Massachusetts Congregational churches, he was pastor of the society, and under his ministrations it was in a united and prosperous condition. Attention to public schools, the sole care of which for the most part fell into his hands, absorbed a large share of his time, though he gave a due share also to a little farm of sixteen acres." "Many scenes of his ministerial life are among the delightful recollections of my childhood," "I (H. A. Miles, D. D.) recall, with special pleasure, the walk to church on a pleasant Sunday morning in summer, when six or eight children would

arrange themselves in order, the sons on the side of their father, the daughters on the side of their mother; and the platoon would proceed, with all becoming gravity and solemnity, to the house of prayer. The old square church in the middle of the Common, with porches bulging out on three sides, with its large old-fashioned pews and slamming seats, is before me now." "On a salary never amounting to \$300, he lived in the practice of the hospitality which was then more generous than now; he brought up a large family of children, one of whom he carried through college, and to all of whom he gave a good education. When, at length, divisions arose in the town, he asked a dismissal; and his connection with the parish terminated, Oct. 12, 1825. He died in Shrewsbury, March 20, 1849.

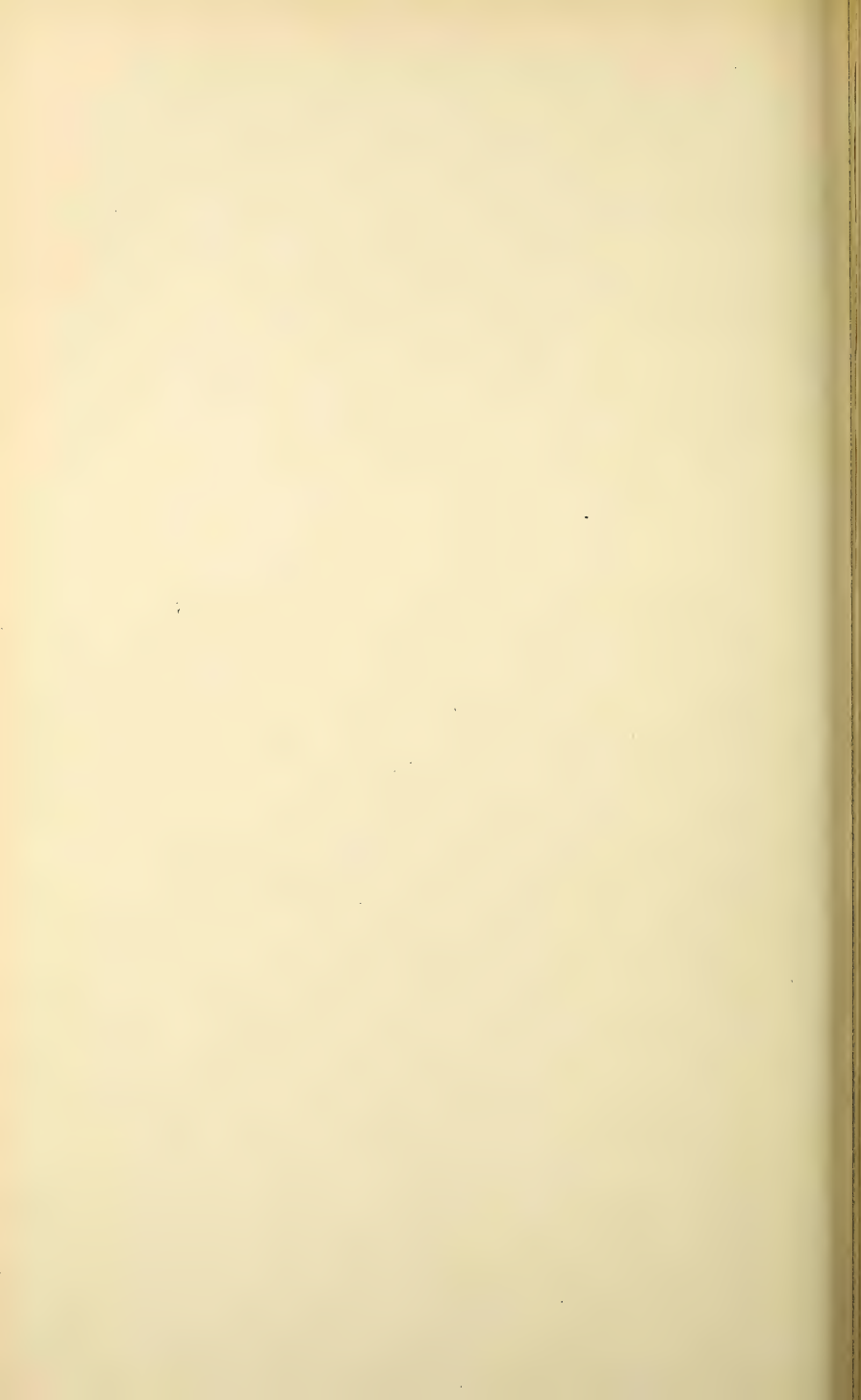
#### ORDINATION.

At the ordination of Mr. Miles, the introductory prayer was offered by Rev. John Robinson, of Westborough; sermon by Rev. Asaph Rice, of Westminster; Text, Isaiah 49:4. Ordaining prayer by Rev. Zedekiah Sawyer, of Bridge-water; charge by Rev. Daniel Grosvenor, of Paxton; right hand of fellowship by Rev. Joseph Sumner, of Shrewsbury; the concluding prayer by Rev. Ezra Ripley, of Concord. The additions to the church during his ministry were 95.

In April, 1827, the expediency of establishing a Sabbath school was considered by the church, and it was voted to make the "attempt." The attempt succeeded. Soon after the settlement of Mr. Searle, it became the policy of the pastor and church to insist more strenuously than had been usual upon doctrinal qualifications, as conditions of admission to the fellowship of the church. It was voted that persons coming from other churches with certificates of dismissal and recommendation, "should be examined before the church as was customary in the case of those who come forward the first time to make profession of religion."



*John Miles*



In 1828, the covenant was revised and altered in such a manner as to give it a more sectarian aspect, and a creed of many articles was appended to it. It was no strange thing, therefore, that when the majority of the society chose to dismiss a minister, whose teaching seemed to them neither true nor profitable, they should part company with a church, every member of which stood committed to a doctrinal system which they rejected as human in its origin, and unscriptural in its character. Such was the case. This society, at a meeting held on the third of December, 1831, voted to dismiss Rev. Mr. Searle.

#### ORDINATION.

At the ordination of Mr. Searle, Rev. Elisha Rockwood, of Westborough, offered the introductory prayer ; Rev. Samuel Green, of the Union Church, Boston, preached the sermon ; text, 1 Cor. 1 : 23, 24. Rev. Samuel Judson, of Uxbridge, offered the ordaining prayer ; charge by Rev. John Crane, of Northbridge ; right hand of fellowship by Rev. Joseph Searle, of Lynnfield ; charge to the people by Rev. Joseph Goffe, of Millbury ; concluding prayer by Rev. Benjamin Wood, of Upton. There were 162 additions to the church during his pastorate. The members of the church, who of course could have been only such as embraced the same opinions that their pastor held, since such only were allowed in the creed, soon seceded, and with others organized a new society with which they voted as a church to connect themselves. They took the name of the "Evangelical Congregational Church and Society." All the members of the church having left the Society, there was now on obstacle to the re-formation of a church within the bosom of the Society.

The covenant which was adopted is as follows :—

"Being desirous of obeying the precepts and enjoying the privileges of the Christian Religion, and aiding each other in the discharge of its duties, we do, by this covenant, unite in a Christian church, to walk



together in the faith and order of the Gospel, giving the following expressions of our individual belief and desire:—

I believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the word of God and receive them as the proper and only rule of faith and duty. I believe in Jesus Christ as the son of God, ‘exalted to be a Prince and Saviour,’ the ‘Mediator between God and man,’ ‘the way, the truth and the life.’ On his religion I rest my hopes of salvation. His precepts I wish to obey. And I now unite myself to His church, to commemorate His love in the ordinance which He instituted and gave to His disciples.

I do this as an expression of my firm belief in the divinity of His religion, and my earnest desire and solemn purpose to live as His disciple, humbly hoping through the grace of God to become an heir of salvation.”

The division of the old Congregational Society, in consequence of the dismissal of their pastor, Rev. Mr. Searle, took place, Dec. 3, 1831. The church in a body, with a large minority of the parish, withdrew, thereby relinquishing their right as members of the First Congregational Society, forming a new parish, and erecting for their use a new and handsome edifice on the west side of the Common. Another report says: \* “Withdrew and made provision for the preaching of the gospel in its purity, finding that there was no probability of their continuing to enjoy the labors of an Evangelical Pastor while connected with the parish.” In consequence of this withdrawal of all the members of the church, a new church, consisting at first of nineteen members, was organized Aug. 5, 1832, in connection with the old society, under the auspices of REV. E. B. HALL, who, after leaving Northampton, supplied the pulpit of the First Parish for several months, prior to his settlement in Providence.

#### **The Evangelical Congregational Society.**

After the dismissal of Rev. Mr. Searle, the next pastor of the church was REV. JOHN WILDE, who was born in Dorchester in 1803, and was graduated at Middlebury College, Ver-

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\* Church records.

mont, in 1827. He taught school for a few months in the Shenandoah Valley, where he contracted a fever, from the effects of which he never fully recovered during the remainder of his life. He entered the Andover Theological Seminary, from which institution he was graduated in 1831. He was installed pastor of the Evangelical Congregational Church here, June 20, 1832. Shortly afterwards he was married to Miss Julia M. Forbes, daughter of Dea. Jonathan Forbes, of Westborough. In 1839 he resigned his pastorate, and removed to Conway, N. H., on account of the health of his wife. In 1849 he removed to West Falmouth, Me., where he preached for eight years. In 1853 he went to Topsham, Me., where he remained for two years in charge of a parish there. Here, on account of his own ill-health, he was compelled to give up the settled pastorate. After a brief visit to California to regain his health, on his return he resided for several years in Brunswick, Me. While at Falmouth he was elected on the board of overseers of Bowdoin College. From 1859 to 1861 he had charge of Laurel Bank Seminary, in Deposit, N. Y. Subsequently he opened a school in Stamford, but in 1866, his health being so enfeebled, he sold his interest in the school, and removed with his wife and only daughter to Alexandria, Va., the residence of his son-in-law. Here, after a painful illness, he died, February 10, 1868.

#### ORDINATION.

At Mr. Wilde's ordination, Rev. Mr. Fletcher, of Northbridge, offered the introductory prayer; sermon by Rev. John Codman, D. D., of Dorchester; ordaining prayer by Rev. Elisha Rockwood, of Westborough; charge by Rev. Benjamin Wood, of Upton; right hand of fellowship by Rev. Osgood Herrick, of Millbury; charge to the people by Rev. George Allen, of Shrewsbury; concluding prayer by Rev. John Maltby, of Sutton. There were eighty additions to the church during Mr. Wilde's ministry.

REV. THOMAS CURTIS BISCOE, the next pastor, was born in Cambridge, Mass., July 18, 1810. He was the son of Thomas and Bathsheba (How) Biscoe, and a direct descendant of Nathaniel Biscoe, "the rich tanner," of Watertown. He graduated at Amherst College in 1831, and taught the Academy at Brattleboro, Vt., for a year after his graduation. Having devoted three years to theological studies, he was licensed to preach in the Fall of 1835. He received a call from the Congregational Society in South Weymouth, but declined it, yet he supplied the pulpit there nearly two years. From that place he came to Grafton; received a unanimous call to become pastor of the Evangelical Congregational Church, which he accepted, and was ordained pastor July 18, 1838, and was dismissed July 26, 1868, after a *longer* pastorate than any of his predecessors, that of Rev. Mr. Miles being nearly as long.

The following churches were invited to assist in his ordination: The Evangelical Congregational Church in Cambridge, Calvinist Church in Worcester, churches in Westborough, Upton, Shrewsbury, Marlborough, Northbridge, Sutton, Epsom, N. H., and the Second Congregational Church in Millbury. The order of exercises on the occasion was as follows: Introductory prayer by Rev. Mr. Kittredge, of Westborough; sermon by Rev. Mr. Stearns, of Cambridge, from 2d John, 9; consecrating prayer by Rev. Mr. Forbush, of Northbridge; charge to the pastor by Rev. Mr. Wood, of Upton; right hand of fellowship by Rev. Mr. Peabody, of Worcester; address to the people by Rev. Mr. Allen, of Shrewsbury; concluding prayer by Rev. Mr. Tracy, of Sutton.

On his first entering upon the work of the ministry here, tokens of God's special presence were graciously vouchsafed. For the first seven years not a communion season passed in which the church did not receive one or more additions. On one occasion the number reached forty-seven. During his ministry the church was blessed with five extensive and

precious revivals of religion. And in the thirty years of his service four hundred and forty were added to the church.

REV. JOHN H. WINDSOR, the present incumbent, was born in England, and removed to America with his parents in 1844. He was graduated at Iowa College, July 12, 1854, and subsequently, August 6, 1857, at the Andover Theological Seminary. He was in the service of the American Home Missionary Society in Iowa, from 1858 to 1864, located at St. Charles and Marion. He was installed pastor of the First Parish Church at Saco, Me., September 29, 1864, and over this church September 29, 1868.

#### INSTALLATION.

The exercises at the installation of Rev. John H. Windsor were the following: Reading of the Scriptures, Rev. William T. Briggs, of East Douglas; introductory prayer by Rev. William A. Houghton, of Berlin; sermon by Prof. Egbert C. Smyth, of Andover Theological Seminary—text, 1 Cor. 15: 47; installing prayer by Rev. L. F. Clark, of Whitinsville; charge by Rev. Seth Sweetser, D. D., of Worcester; right hand of fellowship by Rev. Stacy Fowler, of Millbury; charge to the people by Rev. Royal B. Stratton, of Worcester; concluding prayer by Rev. A. O. Bates, of Saundersville. During Mr. Windsor's pastorate seventy have been added to the church.

Rev. Mr. Windsor preached a sermon in 1878, commemorative of the tenth year of his pastorate over the Evangelical Congregational Church, from Deu. 9: 1st and 3d verses. Among the facts of interest connected with the historical sketch were the following: "Of the nine ministers present at his installation, five have died. The moderator of the council was the late Dr. Sweetser, of Worcester. But one minister in the conference with which this church is connected is settled over the church of which he was pastor ten

years ago. During this time seventy have been added to the church, of whom thirty were from the Sunday school. Thirty-two members of the church have died, whose aggregate ages were 2,127 years, or an average of  $66\frac{1}{2}$  years. Fourteen died from the congregation. Contributions for different Christian benevolencies, \$6,777.45; of this the Ladies' Sewing Circle gave, in barrels of clothing to the missionary cause, \$2,273.47, or an annual average of more than \$200. The parish have sustained the gospel at home at a gross outlay of \$23,000. Besides this regular provision improvements have been made upon the house of worship to the amount of \$400; a floating debt also of about \$2,000 has been cancelled. The Sunday school has contributed in penny offerings \$788. The grand total gives an average contribution for all purposes from each member of the church and congregation of about \$11 annually. The weekly offering system has been adopted with gratifying success, for the past three years. Those who were members of the choir September 29, 1868, are still there, the leader, Hon. W. R. Hill, having conducted that part of divine service for forty years. The church and society, notwithstanding the depletion by deaths and removals, in spite of the long business depression, are out of debt. Among the facts of general interest in the town, during this period, was the lighting of the streets, the chartering and successful working of the Grafton Centre Railroad, the organization of a Reform Club, that has done good work for the cause of temperance, the revival and very efficient working of the Farmers' Club. Two clergymen have died during these years; the respected pastor of the Unitarian Church, Rev. Mr. Scandlin, and the esteemed pastor of the church at Saundersville, Rev. Mr. Bates. Judge White, who for many years had been the efficient clerk of the town, died suddenly in September, 1875. Two physicians have also deceased; Dr. Pierce, who had been in practice for fifty years, and Dr. Whittemore, of Farnumsville. During the



Centennial year a Fourth of July celebration was held, at which an historical oration was delivered by Rev. E. F. Howe, a native of the town, and now of Newtonville. A large number of former residents were also present on that occasion, and gave brief reminiscences of their Grafton life. The vital statistics of the town for this period give 937 births, 616 deaths, and 407 marriages. The present population is upwards of 4,000."

## DEACONS, FIRST PARISH.

## Elected.

James Whipple, . . . . .	Jan. 21, 1732.
Samuel Cooper, . . . . .	" "
Joseph Merriam, 1st, . . . . .	Nov. 25, 1742.
Abner Stow, . . . . .	Sept. 27, 1750.
Joseph Batchelder, . . . . .	Apr. 4, 1765.
Joseph Merriam, Jr., 2nd, . . . . .	Apr. 14, 1790.
Jonathan Stow, . . . . .	" "
Timothy Merriam, . . . . .	Oct. 29, 1810.
Nathaniel Adams, . . . . .	Dec. 26, "
Albert Stone, . . . . .	June 8, 1820.
Joseph Merriam, Jr., 3rd, . . . . .	June 10, 1824.

## EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

## Elected.

Holland Greenwood, . . . . .	Dec. 15, 1831.
Otis Prince, . . . . .	Jan. 4, 1832.
Otis Adams, . . . . .	Sept. 14, 1838.
Leander S. Pratt, . . . . .	Sept. 3, 1852.
Francis Winn, . . . . .	Nov. 5, "
Leander Stockwell, . . . . .	July 3, 1862.
Lewis Holbrook, . . . . .	" "
William R. Hill, . . . . .	July 3, 1874.
George K. Nichols, . . . . .	" "
Edward F. Chamberlin, . . . . .	Mar. 1, 1878.

**First Unitarian Church.**

The first meeting.—The church building —The first members.—Sketches of Revs. Edward B. Hall, Rufus A. Johnson, Cazneau Palfrey, D. D., Edmund B. Willson, A. M., Farrington McIntire, A. M., William G. Scandlin, his funeral and General Devens' remarks, Gilbert Cummings, Charles A. Tindall, William S. Burton.—The correspondence relative to the church records.—The deacons.

At a legal meeting of the society, held on Monday, April 2, 1832, Pardon Aldrich was chosen moderator; Harry Wood, clerk; Isaac W. Wood, Charles M. Pratt and Charles Brigham, Jr., were chosen assessors; Isaac W. Wood, treasurer; Noah Kimball, collector; Samuel Wood, Charles Brigham, Joseph Bruce, Harry Wood, Henry Parker, Austin Holbrook and Liberty Wood, were chosen a committee to supply a pastor; Harry Wood, Joseph Bruce, Royal Keith, Charles Brigham, Henry Parker, Samuel Wood and Leonard Wheelock, were chosen a committee to report what disposition should be made of the old meeting-house. At a subsequent meeting it was voted to pay Rev. Moses C. Searle's order of \$100. The meeting-house committee reported as follows: "That it is expedient for the society to dispose of the old meeting-house, and cause the same to be removed from off the Common, and for the purpose, to choose a committee to cause the old pews in said old meeting-house to be appraised by three disinterested and discreet men and freeholders, within the County of Worcester, afterwards to sell the same at public auction, giving suitable notice of the intended sale, to the highest bidder, on condition that the purchaser cause the said old meeting-house to be removed from the Common within such reasonable time as said committee shall direct. And to apportion the proceeds of the sale among the owners of the pews in said house, according to the appraisement." The committee of three to make the appraisal were Harry Wood, Charles Brigham and Jonathan Warren.

The following is a copy of the agreement for building the First Congregational (Unitarian) Church :—

“ It is hereby agreed by, and between Daniel Harrington, of Shrewsbury, Martin Harrington, of Grafton, and Jonas M. Miles, of Shrewsbury, on the one part, and Albert Stone, Pardon Aldrich, Isaac W. Wood, Thaddeus Read and Phillip Wing, of Grafton, as building committee, all of the County of Worcester, on the other part, as follows :—

We, Daniel and Martin Harrington, and Jonas M. Miles, do by this obligation agree to build a meeting-house for the use of the Congregational Society, in Grafton, of the following size and dimensions : To be seventy feet long and forty-nine feet wide, with an open projection in front of six feet in width, to be supported with four columns fluted in the modern doric style, without moulded bases—posts twenty-seven feet high—belfry tower to be fourteen feet square—bell deck to be seven feet high above the ridge of the house, exclusive of the cornice, and said deck is to be covered with zinc. A steeple is to be built according to the plan exhibited by said contractors, the stock and workmanship to be equal to the new Baptist meeting-house in said Grafton, with some variations in the following particulars : There are to be pilasters on all corners of the house, the raking cornice on the extreme end to project out full—frieze to return round over the pilasters on said end ; there are to be six windows in a tier on each side of the house, three windows in front, four windows in the other end, and one in the gable end ; said windows to be like those in said Baptist house, in all respects, except the glass is to be English crown, and the blinds are to be of good workmanship and stock, free from sap. There are to be three doors in front, with ornamental lights over each, window frames and doors to be capped with lead, and all the other places necessary about said house for the better preservation of the same. Said steeple to be ornamented with balustrades, and not less than one hundred and twenty feet to the points in height. There are to be twelve windows in the basement story, to contain sixteen panes of glass ten by twelve inches each, to be covered with board shutters outside, and hung with wrought hinges ; two doors are to be made for said story, and the supports for the flooring are to be eight-sided white oak posts, furnished and well put up, and no other work is to be done in said basement story. An elliptical blind is to be put on the pannel in the pediment, instead of a glass window. The size of the timber to be generally equal to that in the Baptist house. The roof to be framed in a similar manner, and covered with first quality shaved northern shingles, in a thorough, durable manner. Said house to be externally finished with eastern stock. A window over the ridge of twelve lights, with a blind on the same, is to be made in the belfry. The inside of

the house to be finished as follows: There is to be partitioned off at the front end of the house an entry twelve feet wide, including the partitions, with stairs partitioned off at each end to ascend the galleries, with a flight at one end to go into the basement. There are to be seventy pews in the lower part of the house, and thirty-two in the galleries, to be made in the same manner as those in said Baptist house. Said galleries are to be like those in the Presbyterian meeting-house in Millbury. Three tiers of seats for singers are to be made in the gallery over the entry. A corner over the gallery stairs is to be partitioned off for stairs to ascend the belfry, and at the other corner a similar space is to be partitioned to correspond in appearance with the other. In all other respects the inside to be like the Baptist house, as respects the style, workmanship and stock for the same, except the pew doors are to be closed with brass buttons. At the opposite end of the entry from the basement stairs is a space for wood under the gallery stairs, with a door for the same. The stairs are to be closed with doors at the bottom, made like those in said Baptist house. The basement doors, with one of the front doors and one of the inner doors, with the door into the belfry, are to be furnished with suitable locks. There are to be two aisles, lengthwise of the body of the house, four feet in width. There are to be seats in the back corners in the galleries, like those in said Baptist house, and all other particulars respecting the building of said house, not named, to correspond with said Baptist house. In short, said house is to be built, in all its particulars, in a thorough workmanlike manner, respecting both the external and internal parts of the house; plastering on the walls to be hard finish. The house and all the materials are to be furnished by said contractors, above the underpinning, and the painting of all the blinds included, except the rest of the painting of every part of the house, all the gilding, varnishing, priming sashes, setting glass, &c., which is to be done by the committee.\*

And on the part of the committee it is agreed to prepare the foundation and underpinning of said house by the 20th of June next, so that the said contractors shall not be delayed in the prosecution of their work. And they further agree to do all the painting and gilding, &c., as excepted on the part of the condition of the contractors. It is understood that the contractors furnish the ornamental windows at their own expense. The committee further agree that they will pay said contractors, for the fulfillment of this contract, the sum of one thousand dollars when the outside shall be completed in an acceptable manner, and the further sum of three thousand five hundred and twenty-five dollars when the house shall be completed in a like acceptable manner, according to this contract, which said contractors agree to finish by the first day of December next, and the committee agree to

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\* This description answers very nearly for the Baptist and Orthodox meeting-houses.

furnish help necessary for erecting the frame of said house; and they agree to provide for said help while raising said frame. The contractors furnish the lightning rod and put up the same.

In testimony whereof, we have hereto interchangeably set our hands and seals this fourteenth day of April, A. D., 1831.

DANIEL HARRINGTON.  
MARTIN HARRINGTON.  
JONAS M. MILES.  
ALBERT STONE.  
PARDON ALDRICH.  
ISAAC W. WOOD.  
PHILIP WING.  
THADDEUS READ.

Attest,

H. WOOD.

March 27th, 1832, this day reckoned with Martin Harrington and fulfilled our part of the above contract, and made void the same.

Witness our hands,

ISAAC W. WOOD.  
PHILIP WING.  
MARTIN HARRINGTON."

The first members were as follows :—

Joseph C. Luther.	Catherine L. Heywood.
Isaac W. Wood.	Betsey Jackson.
Joseph Bruce.	Rufus P. Chase.
Harriot Bruce.	Deborah Keith.
Charles Brigham, Jun.	Tabatha Prentice.
Hannah P. Batcheller.	Sarah Lesure.
Charles L. Heywood.	Martha G. Holbrook.
Asahel Fairbanks.	James Shepard.
Susannah Wood.	Elizabeth Shepard.
Azubah S. Heywood.	Elizabeth Adams.
Annah E. Brigham.	Polly Knowlton.
Leonard Wheelock.	Augustus S. Heywood.
Persis Wheelock.	Hepsebah Clisbee.

REV. EDWARD BROOKS HALL, who formed this society, was born in Medford, September 2, 1800, and was named from his maternal grandfather, Rev. Edward Brooks, of North Yarmouth. He was a lineal descendant of the Rev. John Cotton, who was the second minister of the First Church in Boston. Although his father's house stood in the square,



where the voices of his companions could assail him with frequent temptations, he shut himself up with a determination to fit himself for Harvard in nine months. His teacher, Mr. Converse Francis, told him it was almost impossible; but he accomplished it, and entered college honorably in the following August. Reserved in his habits, because compelled to study closely for all that he gained, he formed few intimacies; but the Rev. Dr. Furness, Rev. Dr. Gannett, and Rev. Calvin Lincoln were classmates for whom his attachment only increased with years. While in college he found his affections strongly drawn towards the study of divinity; but he was induced to become a teacher for a year at a place called Garrison Forest, about ten miles from Baltimore—"a happy year" he always called it. Aug. 16, 1826, he was ordained over the new Unitarian Society in Northampton; here he remained three years. He resigned on account of ill health and went to Cuba. On his return he took charge of the Unitarian Society in Cincinnati, for nearly a year. He subsequently came to this town and formed the Unitarian Society; here he remained a short time, when he received a call from Providence to the First Congregational Society. He was installed Nov. 14, 1832, and here he remained until his death in 1866. He was greatly beloved and highly respected by his parishoners and acquaintances.

October 16, 1833, Rev. RUFUS A. JOHNSON, a graduate of the Cambridge Divinity School, was installed as minister over this society, where he continued to labor till his dismissal, March 12, 1838, five years and five months. During most of this period—viz.: from April, 1834, till his dismissal—he was an active and efficient member of the Worcester Ministerial Association. He married Anna Hill in 1834, and she died in four months after marriage. The sudden death gave him a shock from which he never fully recovered, and which caused a temporary insanity. He died in Upton, in 1860.

He was succeeded by Rev. Cazneau Palfrey, who continued in the same office till the spring of 1843.

CAZNEAU PALFREY, D. D., son of William Palfrey, for many years an officer in the Boston Custom-house, was born in Boston, August 11, 1805. His mother's name was Lydia Cazneau. His parents were parishioners of Rev. Dr. John Elliot, by whom he was baptized in infancy; and, afterwards, of Rev. Francis Parkman, D. D., his successor, under whose ministry Mr. Palfrey was brought up. He received his early education, and was prepared for college, in the public schools of Boston, and entered Harvard College at the age of seventeen, graduating in 1826. During his course of study in the Theological School, he was for one year a tutor in the Latin Department in the University. On the 5th of October, 1830, he was ordained pastor of the Unitarian Church in Washington, D. C. His ministry in that city terminated in January, 1836. On the 25th of April, 1838, he was installed over this society, where he continued until April 25, 1843,—five years. He was editor while here of the *Monthly Miscellany of Religion and Letters*, now the *Monthly Religious Magazine*. His son Hersey Goodwin was born here October 9, 1839, and graduated at Harvard College 1860. Dr. Palfrey now (1879) resides in Cambridge, Mass. His installation services were as follows:—Sermon, Rev. Edward B. Hall, of Providence, R. I.; installing prayer, Rev. Jaazaniah Crosby, of Charlestown, N. H.; charge, Rev. Aaron Bancroft, D.D., of Worcester; right hand of fellowship, Rev. George Putnam, of Roxbury; address to the people, Rev. Joseph Allen, of Northborough. “Besides these, Rev. Washington Gilbert of Harvard, was present and took a part; but whether the reading of the Scriptures, or the introductory, or concluding prayer, I have been unable to ascertain. I think, though I am not sure,\* that Rev. Samuel May of

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\* Dr. Palfrey's Letter.

Leicester was present, and took one of those parts." He was succeeded by Rev. Edmund B. Willson.

REV. EDMUND B. WILLSON, A. M., son of Rev. Luther and Sally (Bigelow) Willson, was born in Petersham, August 15, 1820. He entered Yale College, but on account of ill health, did not graduate with his class. He studied divinity in Cambridge with the class of 1843, and received the honorary degree from Harvard College in 1853. He was ordained January 3, 1844, as minister of this Society, and after a useful ministry of over eight years, in which he had endeared himself to his people, and made himself favorably known in the neighboring churches, he was dismissed, at his own request, July 1, 1852. He published a valuable historical discourse entitled the "Church Record," delivered here December 27, 1846. He now resides in Salem. The installation services were as follows:—Introductory prayer, Rev. William Barry, of Framingham; reading of Scriptures, Rev. Samuel May, of Leicester; sermon, Rev. George R. Noyes, D. D., of Cambridge; ordaining prayer, Rev. Alonzo Hill, of Worcester; charge, Rev. Luther Willson, of Petersham; right hand of fellowship, Rev. John Weiss, of Watertown; address to the people, Rev. Cazneau Palfrey; concluding prayer, Rev. Henry A. Miles, D. D., of Lowell.

The minority that withdrew comprised the church. The records and furniture of the church were removed by them. They were asked to return these to the Congregational Church, but refused. This church, although believing that they needed only to insist upon the restoration of this property to recover it, were disinclined to prosecute their claims by litigation. The matter rested till near the close of the year 1845, when it was again taken into consideration by this church. It was then voted to choose a committee to communicate with the Evangelical Congregational Church on the subject. This led to the following correspondence:—

“GRAFTON, Jan. 20, 1846.

TO THE EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN GRAFTON:  
*Christian Brethren and Friends:—*

At a recent meeting of the Congregational Church in said Grafton, we were appointed a committee to address a communication to you respecting certain Records of the Congregational Church supposed to be now in your possession and subject to your control. In obedience to our instructions, we proceed to lay the matter with which we are charged before you.

You are aware that in the year of our Lord 1832, a part of the Congregational Society, and all of the members but one\* of the church connected with the Society, seceded from that parish. You are aware that the seceding members of the church took with them in their removal all the records of the Congregational Church, which had been made up to the time of their secession. You are aware that a demand of those records was soon after made by a deacon of the Congregational Church, upon one who *had been* its deacon, but who had seceded from the Congregational Society, and that that demand was not complied with.

These records we consider ever to have been, and still to be, legally and rightfully the property of the Congregational Church,—by which we mean the church connected with the Congregational Society. This church has forborne hitherto to press its claim to this property to the utmost by bringing the matter before a legal tribunal. It has forborne to do this, not from any doubt of the validity of its claim, nor any doubt as to what the decision of such a tribunal would be; for we suppose there can be no question that the law, as it has been uniformly expounded in our Courts, would award these records to the church connected with the Congregational Society. But we have been unwilling to provoke dissension or bitterness of feeling. We have suffered what we have deemed our rights to be long withheld from us, from reluctance to exact them at the expense of peace. It is repugnant to our minds as Christians, to present to the community the spectacle of two Christian churches resorting to litigation to settle their differences. We are still, as we have always been, solicitous to avoid giving any cause of acrimonious or unfriendly feelings. In that spirit we now

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\* The records of the church being beyond the reach of this committee at the time their letter was written, they may be pardoned a slight mistake in supposing that one member was left behind by the seceding church, when in fact the one member who did not withdraw in their company had been excommunicated, *as a step preliminary* to their secession. The excision of this member took place after the *actual* separation of the church from the society, though before the *formal* dissolution of the connection.



address you, and, as we are authorized to do, submit to your consideration the following proposals:—First. We respectfully ask you to surrender to us the records of the Congregational Church before referred to;—because we regard the church now connected with the Congregational Society as the true Congregational Church, and the rightful possessor of the same.

Such a request has once been refused. It may be again. We are therefore willing in the spirit of compromise and concession to make other propositions. We do not forget—although it does not affect the question of rights—that the seceders from the Congregational Society embraced almost the entire church. We consider that it is possible you may have incorporated the records of your own church with those of the Congregational Church in the same volume, so that you cannot give up the latter without the loss of the former. We consent then, for the sake of peace, and to relieve you from any inconvenience or embarrassment, to relinquish altogether our claim to the said records upon either of the following conditions, viz.: that you will furnish us with a complete copy of them, giving us the privilege of comparing it with the original; or, that you will allow us to take the original records, and keep them for such length of time as shall be sufficient for making a copy of them, we pledging ourselves that they shall be safely returned to your possession when copied.

In making these proposals we conceive that we ask nothing which is not clearly reasonable and just. In thus offering to yield that to which we consider ourselves fully entitled, we desire to evince the sincerity of our wish for harmony and peace. That which we ask, can be, we are sure, no loss to you, though it will be of great value to us.

Wishing you all spiritual blessings in Christ, we subscribe ourselves,

ISAAC W. WOOD,  
CHARLES BRIGHAM, JR., } *Committee.*  
HILLEL BAKER,

### *The Reply.*

“GRAFTON, Feb. 10, 1846.

TO MESSRS. ISAAC W. WOOD, CHARLES BRIGHAM, JR., AND HILLEL BAKER:

*Gentlemen:—*

Your communication of January 20th, relative to the Records of the Evangelical Congregational Church, was laid before said church at their preparatory lecture on Friday last; whereupon, after consultation, without expressing their views as to their right to the Records, it *was voted* to accede to your last proposition made in your communication, and loan you the first two volumes of the Records, one at a time, and furnish you with a copy of what is contained in the third volume up to the time of the separation of the church from the Congregational Society;



and that you have opportunity of comparing it with the original if desired. At the same time we were chosen a committee to communicate to you the above proceedings.

The Records are with our Pastor who will deliver them to an authorized agent.

With sincere regard,

We are, Gentlemen, Yours,

OTIS ADAMS,  
HOLLAND GREENWOOD, } *Committee."*  
OLIVER M. BRIGHAM,

After Mr. Willson's dismissal the church was without a pastor until 1858—six years. During this interim the pulpit was supplied by REV. FARRINGTON McINTIRE, A. M., who was born in Fitchburg, June 29, 1819, was graduated at Harvard College in 1843, and at the Divinity School in 1846. In June, 1847, he was ordained over the Unitarian Society in Brattleborough, Vt., where he remained one year. July 1, 1849, he sailed from New York for California, where, more fortunate than many adventurers, he recovered his health, and accumulated a handsome property. Returning after a residence of a year and a half, he was married April 23, 1851, to Caroline C. Frost, who died in three years. While living on his farm in this town on Brigham Hill, he was at the head of a family school. In 1857, he married for his second wife, Caroline Fisher of Lancaster, Mass. In 1858, Rev. William G. Scandlin was ordained the next minister.

Rev. WILLIAM G. SCANDLIN was born in Portsmouth, England, Feb. 16, 1828. He left home at the early age of seven years and a half; previous to which time he had attended a primary school in that place. "The balance of his education," he said, "I obtained from eleven years experience on the ocean, where I came in contact with the customs of the different nations of the world; and, in the language of the Psalmist, became familiar with the works and wonders of the Lord on the deep." Before he became of age, he landed on our shores, made a voyage to the West Indies, and on his return to Boston found a temporary

home for himself, and as many of his comrades as he could persuade to join him, in the Sailors' Home. He had, by this time, become deeply interested in religion; and he now formed the purpose to devote himself to the Christian ministry. He entered the Meadville School in 1850, and graduated in 1854. In November of the same year, he began the Hanover-street mission, under the auspices of the Boston Fraternity of Churches; and was ordained as a minister at large at the Hollis-street church, Jan. 14, 1855; Dr. Gannett preaching the sermon on the occasion. In this service he continued till the end of May, 1858. The duties of this office proving too arduous for his health, and having received an invitation to settle over the First Congregational Church here, he removed to this place, and was duly installed June 23, 1858. At the breaking out of the late rebellion Mr. Scandlin offered his services to Governor Andrew, and was appointed chaplain of the Fifteenth Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers; at the same time resigning his charge of the society. His resignation was not accepted; but his people gave him leave of absence for twelve months, thinking, as we all did, that twelve months would suffice for the overthrow of the rebellion. At the expiration of his leave of absence, he returned to his parish; soon after which, in 1862, his church was destroyed by fire. After making arrangements for erecting a new building, at the solicitation of the American Unitarian Association, he obtained another leave of absence for three months, to go on a missionary expedition to the army; and, to facilitate his movements, he became a member of the United States Sanitary Commission. In this service, while engaged in conveying food and comforts to the sick and wounded at Gettysburg, he was taken prisoner by Stewart's cavalry, and with many others conveyed to Richmond, and confined nearly three months in Libby Prison, and subsequently in Castle Thunder. "I look upon the opportunities," he once

said, "opened to me during my imprisonment, as the richest of my experience."

Dr. McDonald, a fellow-prisoner, wrote to the *Sanitary Commission Bulletin* as follows :—"Mr. Scandlin proved to be all, and more than all, he professed. Constantly engaged in some good work, cheerful under the most adverse circumstances, ever ready to render aid and comfort to all in distress, he has become endeared, not only to the agent of the commission, with whom he has been so long associated, but to most of the officers and men whom chance and the fortunes of war have placed in his path. He sought out the sick and inquiring, gave them freely, cheerfully, temporal and spiritual comfort, at all times and in all seasons. He has proved himself to be an honest, faithful worker, and a TRUE man,—'the noblest work of God.'"

The difficult position of chaplain, he bore as if it was the place for which he was specially fitted. Hearty and genial in his manners, irreproachably correct in all his habits of speech and conduct, fearless of danger, indefatigable in duty, which, from his point of view, included all that he could do to help or relieve any, tender and sympathetic with the suffering, he was beloved and trusted by every soldier in the regiment and was the most valued companion of the officers, with whom from the nature of the case his social relations were more intimate than with the rank and file. On the march it was his delight to change places with the exhausted soldier, and his saddle was occupied more of the time by others than by himself. At the close of the disastrous day at Ball's Bluff when the wounded were brought down to the boat to be carried across the river, some unharmed stragglers tried to force their way into the boat. Chaplain Scandlin stood at the water's edge and at first tried expostulation ; when that did not avail, he is said to have made vigorous use of the strong muscles with which nature provided him, and to have struck out from the shoulder in a way that was more pleasant to spectators than to those

who felt the force of his blows. This exploit gave him the name of the "fighting chaplain" throughout the division in which he served, for his name and good deeds were known not by one regiment only. His coolness in danger was remarkable, and he was often a most valuable auxiliary to the surgeons in attending the wounded on the field and under fire.

In his parish, as in his regiment, he bound all hearts to him by his faithfulness, zeal and kindness. No organized effort for doing good in which his aid could be of use was asked for in vain. He married December 13, 1853, Christiana S. Adrain, who died the following April. April 25, 1855, he married Mrs. Eliza M. Sprague, at Eastport, Me., by whom he had Willie I., Lizzie F., Tannie M., John Winthrop, Hortense A. and Mable E. Mr. Scandlin died at his residence on the Saundersville road, March 17, 1871, of typhoid fever, after a painful illness of a few days.

The following evening succeeding his death the citizens held a meeting in the Town Hall. Hon. Jonathan D. Wheeler presided and Henry F. Wing, Esq., acted as secretary. The chair appointed Rev. J. H. Windsor, Rev. A. J. Bates and John Wheeler, Esq., a committee on resolutions, who reported at some length. The meeting was fully attended, which showed the high esteem and affection in which the deceased was held by his fellow-citizens.

The funeral took place in the Unitarian Church on Monday the 20th. The church was packed to its utmost capacity.

The Grand Army, Fifteenth Regiment Association, Freemasons, Unitarian Conference and other organizations of which the deceased was an active member, attended the funeral in a body, and several clergymen of different denominations took part in the ceremonies. During the hours of the funeral there was a general suspension of business in town.



We append the main portion of Attorney-General Devens' remarks at the funeral :—

“In the difficult task that our friend, as chaplain of a regiment during the recent civil war, assumed, no man, I think, attained more complete success than he, or was able to effect more for the great objects of his calling. If it be too much to say that no man succeeded as well in the whole army of the Union, it is but just to say that I have never personally known any one whom I felt met with equal success. There has sometimes been a feeling in the community that chaplains did not effect as much as they might in benefiting the men under their charge; and, indeed, I have known most excellent men, chaplains in the army, express strongly their own feeling of discouragement at the little success of their labors. In this matter we have been sometimes unjust to the clerical profession; we have not always remembered how little educated for the task thrown upon them they were. The position of a clergyman in New England is one of dignity everywhere. The coarsest men treat him with at least personal respect and consideration, and one is not often brought into immediate contact with the rough, daring and, it may be, profligate men (who must of necessity be met in the army side by side, it may be, with the bravest and truest men), in such a way that he is compelled to attempt to curb and restrain them. Nor have we always reflected how difficult are the surroundings under which the chaplains strive to do their work, nor how thoroughly at variance with the mild and gentle influence of Christianity the whole machinery and the whole spirit of war is.

For meeting his new duties, and dealing with the vast variety of men who go to make up an army, Mr. Scandlin possessed some peculiar advantages. A fine natural physique, a fondness for out-door life and out-door exercise, such as horsemanship, adapted him for the laborious part of his duty, and made to him a pleasure of what to many would have been a toil. Lively and spirited in temper, he took with great ease the various discomforts of the field, and was always ready to make the best of everything; and although these may seem trifles, they are not altogether unworthy of notice among the higher qualities he possessed for his position.

In early life he had been a seaman in the British service; he had lived with them and knew what men are, alike their good and bad qualities; he was at home with them, and knew their ways of thinking and looking at things, and could make them at home and feel at their ease with him, when others with a different experience would have been unable to approach them. His experience, too, in the missions of Boston, had brought him in contact with life in its worst forms, with all the sadness of poverty, and all the wretchedness and misery of vice. Yet his view of life had never soured, and in the worst of men he found always some



spot where he would try to plant a seed which should bear fruit in better things, and often with a success which to others seemed marvellous. He had never lost his faith in man, and in the most unpromising natures he delighted to find something which would encourage and give him hope. Nor was the chaplain's influence less marked among a different type of men from these. A self-educated man, but well educated, he was at home among the most polished and refined; highly sympathetic in his character he placed himself readily in communication with every class of men, and every circle felt how true and faithful a Christian man he was. His pleasant affability never caused others to degenerate into coarseness or vulgar familiarity in his presence, inconsistent with his sacred calling. He had the art, which all men do not possess, of being easy and affable without losing that proper personal dignity which should mark every man. He is a gentleman who respects himself, and yet equally others and the rights of others, and such a gentleman was the chaplain. Thus it was in all society that his presence was a rebuke to coarseness, ill-manners and profanity, and as I have known the men of our regiment to express to him their regret for it when it had occurred, so also I have known a general officer, who, in the excitement of a night skirmish, had been betrayed into using profane language before him, come the next day to make a personal apology.

The great secret of his success was the thorough earnestness and self-devotion which he always exhibited. For his comrades it always seemed that he could never do enough to satisfy himself, although he always did far more than satisfied the just claims of others. He was the friend of every man who was in trouble, ready always to act as mediator between any man who was in difficulty with his captain, giving always the best and soundest advice, and yet not the less sustaining the discipline of the military system, the stern exigencies of which he fully realized. No one ever expected to be sustained by him unless on his own part he meant to do his own full duty. Into the hospitals, by the bedside of the sick and dying, he came in unwearied zeal with his consoling hand and more consoling voice, and men loved him as they love a father and a friend—a father who was not afraid to tell them when they went wrong and did wrong, and yet who loved them still. In those trying hours which came to so many, when he was near, when strength was failing and earth was fading away, the last tones that fell upon their ears were the consolations and hopes which his manly, trustful piety inspired.

In his public discourses before the regiment, not less than in his private teachings, the chaplain was singularly happy. It would perhaps, have been a natural course, as it certainly would have been a judicious one, for any one situated as he was with a regiment of which a considerable number were Roman Catholics, and a still more considerable number were Protestants of a different denomination from his own, to select rather those great vital truths on which all Christian sects are

agreed, than those upon which they differ; but the constitution of his mind made this much easier to him than it would have been to many. From the first, every man in the regiment knew that however much the chaplain might seek to induce him to lead a better life, he would never seek to interfere with any of his individual views or tenets. I have known him to ride a half-dozen miles to obtain a Roman Catholic priest, when the men of that faith under his charge felt that they could be comforted by the last offices of religion administered by a priest of their own church.

Speaking generally without notes, he did not speak without any preparation, and no doubt thought out many a brief sermon which he delivered in front of the regiment, and standing between its colors, as carefully as those which he has delivered from this desk. He did not speak to display his own graces of speech, although he possessed these, but to achieve the great objects of speech in making the men who heard him better and truer men, and his simple eloquence went home always to those who listened. His sermons were of the best, because so forcibly and strongly adapted to their object; practical and sensible in their views, illustrated always familiarly, yet so as to be attractive, expressed in those clear sentences which leave no doubts on the mind of the hearer as to their meaning, they struck upon the hearts of his audience with directness and force. With all this it is true that the greatest effect of all the chaplain's teaching was owing to the respect inspired by his exalted manly character. Every man in the regiment knew that there was not a mean, selfish or sordid trait about him; that he did not serve them, or try to serve them, to gain their favor, or from any small personal end, but because he felt it was right he should. Brave men themselves, they recognized him as among their bravest men; they saw his courage on every battle-field; they knew that wherever his duty to the wounded called him, no matter what the danger, there he would certainly be found. They saw in him that religion made a man not weaker but more resolute and determined in the hour of danger.

He was a true soldier, in the noblest acceptance of the word, and you cannot wonder that his regiment loved him dearly, as they felt that he loved them. You do not wonder that the few survivors who are enabled to be here to-day, not alone on their behalf, but on behalf of their absent living comrades, and on behalf of their absent dead who sleep on so many widely scattered fields, desire even in this hour of sadness to express their gratitude that he was permitted to be so much to them, and their feeling that they are better and happier for having known him."

During Mr. Scandlin's last absence the pulpit was supplied by Rev. GILBERT CUMMINGS, son of Gilbert and Margaret Jane Cummings, who was born in Boston, September

15, 1825. When nearly thirty years of age he relinquished the business in which he was engaged, entered Meadville Theological School, where he graduated in 1859. He was ordained as minister of the Unitarian Society at Austinburgh, Ohio, October 20th of that year, and was installed over the Unitarian Church in Westborough, January 3, 1860. Here he remained till the breaking out of the late war, when he received an appointment as chaplain of a regiment. Having served in that capacity, he resigned on account of ill-health. At the time he supplied the pulpit he was cashier of the First National Bank, subsequently he was cashier at the National Straw Works, Westborough, and while in that capacity he died.

After Mr. Scandlin's decease, Rev. CHARLES H. TINDALL was the next settled pastor, from September, 1872, to September, 1875. He was born in New Brunswick, N. J., October 17, 1841. He received his early education in the private and public schools of his native city, entering at nineteen the Seminary at Pennington, N. J., for a mathematical and classical course. After leaving this institution he engaged as a writer on the New York press, and in school-teaching, for two years, when he passed examination and was regularly admitted as a member of the New Jersey Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and stationed as the minister of the Methodist Church at Eatontown, N. J. His theological views having changed, he withdrew his official connection with the Methodist denomination, and entered the Divinity School of Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., taking there a full course, and graduating in June, 1872. He was called to the pastorate of the Unitarian Society immediately upon his graduation. He married the only daughter of Rev. George R. Noyes, D. D., professor of Biblical literature, Harvard University, and assumed the pastorate the following autumn. The ordination services were held September 5, 1872, and were according to the order as follows: Voluntary and anthem; invo-

cation by Rev. Ivory F. Waterhouse, of Clinton, Mass.; reading from the Bible, by Rev. F. L. Hosmer, minister at Northborough, Mass.; Congregational hymn, beginning "Mysterious presence, source of all"; the sermon was preached by Rev. Prof. Charles Carroll Everett, D. D., of Harvard University; anthem; the ordaining prayer was made by Rev. Prof. Oliver Stearns, D. D., the dean of the Theological Faculty of Harvard University; the charge to the candidate was made by Rev. Rush R. Shippen, secretary of the American Unitarian Association; the right hand of fellowship was given by Rev. Charles Noyes; the hymn was then sung beginning with the line, "O God, thy children gathered here"; the address to the people was made by a former pastor, Rev. Edmund B. Willson, of Salem, Mass.; the concluding prayer was made by Rev. Joseph Allen, D. D., of Northborough, Mass. The Doxology was then sung, after which the pastor dismissed the congregation with the benediction. Mr. Tindall was called to the pastorate of the Fall River Society, and closed his work in Grafton in August, 1875, to enter upon his ministry there.

Rev. WILLIAM SMITH BURTON, the present minister, was born in Norwich, Vt., September 29, 1832. He was named after his father, who was a merchant at that place. His mother's name before marriage was Nancy Russell. Mr. Burton was graduated at Norwich University, and for a time published and edited *The True American*, and *The Adams Transcript*, at North Adams, Mass. His taste leading him to the ministry, he studied therefor with Rev. O. D. Miller, and his first settlement was as an independent minister over the Universalist Society, at Dayton, Ohio. He was preaching in Michigan when the war of the rebellion broke out, and left his work temporarily to accept the position of major in the Third Michigan Cavalry. He was honorably discharged near the close of the war, and returning to Michigan engaged for a time in fruit raising at South Haven, preaching Sundays there and at neighboring towns.



Meanwhile he had married Evelyn S., the daughter of Rev. A. W. Mason, of Michigan. In the autumn of 1867 he returned to New England, and in the following June was ordained and installed over the Unitarian Church at Athol, Mass. After laboring here about five years he accepted a call to the Unitarian Society at Clinton. He began preaching to the Unitarian Society of Grafton, in January, 1876, and is still acting as its pastor.

#### DEACONS, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL (UNITARIAN) CHURCH.

Chosen.

Isaac W. Wood, . . . . .	Aug. 9, 1832.
Augustus S. Heywood, . . . . .	Oct. 3, 1847.
Gilbert C. Taft, . . . . .	Feb. 28, 1858.
Elijah B. Knowlton, . . . . .	Sept. 24, 1860.
Willard S. Wood, . . . . .	May 1, 1867.
Col. Charles Brigham, . . . . .	Nov. 1, 1867.
George M. Dunn, . . . . .	Jan. 3, 1868.

#### The Baptist Church.

The first Baptist church in 1767—The meetings held at the houses of the members—The church letter to the Warrin Association—The church building—Its locality—Rev. Elkanah Ingalls—The church disfellowshipped.—The Upton church—Rev. Simeon Snow—The covenant—The members.—The Grafton church re-established—Their covenant—The second church building near Saundersville—The present church edifice.—Rev. Thomas Barrett.—Rev. Otis Converse.—Rev. John Jennings.—Rev. Calvin Newton.—Rev. Benjamin A. Edwards.—Rev. D. L. McGear.—Rev. Joseph Smith.—Rev. J. M. Chick.—Rev. De Forrest Safford.—Rev. A. C. Hussey, A. M.—The brethren licensed.—The deacons.

For nearly forty years, from 1731-2 to 1771-2, the only church in town was the First Congregational, the town itself being the only religious society or parish. It was about the year 1774 that the second church was formed, composed of Baptists, although preachers of the Baptist denomination began to visit Grafton and hold meetings here at least as early as 1758. Samuel Hovey, of Mendon, preached here several times that year. But it was not till June 17, 1767,



that a church was gathered. At that time a council met, "consisting of Elder Alden's church in Bellingham, and Elder Backus' in Middleborough, when a Baptist church was regularly formed." Four persons—Joseph Whipple, Jacob Whipple, Ebenezer Wheeler and Robert Leathe [Lathe], were dismissed from a Baptist church in Leicester to join this.\* Mr. Wheeler, and probably the others, had previously been accustomed to attend worship at Leicester, twelve or fourteen miles distant.

The number originally gathered into this church we do not know, but it must have been small, for it was some time before they were able to have a preacher stately with them. In the year 1773, it was "voted to get Elder Winchester to preach," which was accordingly done. But two years after they were destitute, "having no under Shepherd." At this time, September, 1775, there were "about twenty-eight living members."† They had no regular place of worship,

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\* Rev. Nathaniel Green was the pastor of the Leicester Baptist Church at the time of the dismissal.—*Backus' History of the Baptists*.

† "A copy of a letter to the Association of Churches met at Warrin, from a letter from the Church of Christ in Grafton to the Association of Churches meet at Warrin, written by me, Priscilla Wheeler." She was daughter of Col. Jonathan Wheeler:—

"SEPTEMBER ye 2, 1775.

Unto the churches, or association of churches, which are set or setting at Warrin, that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, that call upon the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we wish grace, mercy and peace from God, the Father, and from our Lord Jesus, be multiplied to you and to all the saints, for we believe that our God is comming in flaming fire to take vengeance on them that know not God nor believe the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and we believe also that God is about to purge His own church that are here upon earth, and He will shake the Hevens and the Earth that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. We verily believe the time is at hand, for our Lord will not delay His comming. O saints lift up your heads and reioyce, for your redemption draweth ny. O is not the time come. O is not the set time come to Saviour Zion.

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Our God, in whome we trust, hath been with us in sum mesure, and hath not left us comfortless. Amen. Praise our God we meet this

but met from house to house, a few Sabbaths at a place.\* In March, 1779, it was "voted to get Elder Eustick to preach." He remained with them more than three years, and enjoyed a good degree of prosperity, reporting in the year 1780 "a prosperous state of affairs."

About three years later, October, 1784, Rev. ELKANAH INGALLS, from Rehoboth, was employed as pastor. He remained in this connection three years,† when embracing, or more probably only publicly declaring what he had previously entertained—the doctrine of universal salvation—his ministry to the church abruptly terminated. As soon as it became generally known that he and some of the members of the church had embraced this view, this church was disfellowshipped by the Warren Association, to which it belonged, at their annual meeting in the year 1788, and history says that Mr. Ingalls shortly after removed back to Rehoboth, where he died a common drunkard. As early as the spring of 1784, and probably some years earlier, they had a meeting-house, which stood at the junction of the old roads leading from Farnumsville and Saundersville to the centre of the town, on the triangular plot of land formed by the angles of the road, opposite and a little above the residence of G. Fred Jourdan.

The latest entry made in the record book is dated June 10, 1787. The church probably did not continue in exist-

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day and chose two of our breathern to send to the Association setting at Warrin, namely, Joseph Rice and Ebenezer Wheeler. We have no presant difficulty among us, only we have no under Shepard. We have had six members added to our church sence the last Association. We have lost non—sence we have now about twenty-eight living members.

JOSEPH RICE, *Moderator*."

\* "November 10, 1777, then they kept a meeting at the hous of Ebenezer Wheeler, and they meet there four Sabath days and a thanksgiving, and thanksgiving was y<sup>e</sup> 18 day of December, 1777, and then they moved the meeting to Phinehas Pratt's, in order to have it kept there four Sabbaths."—*From a record in possession of Hon. Jona. D. Wheeler, under the head of "The Baptist people's meetings."*

† His name is not found in the church records after March 19, 1786.

ence long after. Rev. Peter Whitney, of Northborough, when he wrote his history of the county, in 1793, says there was neither minister nor church of the Baptist denomination in the town, "and very few anabaptist families."

These families however, remained steadfast in the faith and soon after the dissolution reorganized a church, but having removed their place of worship within the limits of the town of Upton, it was called the Upton Baptist Church, over which Rev. Simeon Snow was ordained as the first pastor in June, 1791. There was no regular organized church in town of this denomination until June 20, 1800; nevertheless, meetings were held at private residences and converts gathered.

The articles of Faith and Covenant of the first church were as follows:—

"We, the united brethren of the Baptist Church of Christ in Grafton, do solemnly profess to believe and to be ruled and governed by our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious and supreme head of the church, as he hath given us a rule to walk by, in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. And we look upon the printed declaration and confession of Faith put fourth by the Elders and bretheren of many congregations of the baptized churches in England of the Calvinistical persuasion, to be agreeable to the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament; and we agree to walk by them in subordination to the Scriptures. We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, being a number whom we trust, God hath called out of darkness into His marvelous light and revealed His son in us; whereby we believe the Lord is our God; and having shown to us our duty and privilege as believers not only, to separate ourselves from the world as to doctrine, practice and worship; but also to congregate and embody ourselves together in church state; and being through grace well satisfied concerning our internal nearness to the Lord; and standing together in Christ and being brought in some belessed measure into evenness of spirit; being baptized by one spirit into one body; and being agreed in the great and sublime truths of the gospel; do therefore in the name and fear of the Lord, give up ourselves to the Lord, and to one another by the will of God; to walk together as a church of Christ, in the fellowship of His gospel, and in the observance and practice of the law and ordinances which Christ hath appointed His New Testament churches to be in practice of; so far as we do know or shall know to be our duty. And as the Lord shall help us, we will frequently assemble ourselves together, as a church of

Christ, to attend upon our Lord in the services of His house, and especially on the Lord's Day. And as we shall be enabled by His grace, and conducted by his spirit, we will stand together for the truth and cause of Christ, against all opposition raised against it by the world and carnal professions; and by the same help, we will watch one another in the Lord. And as we shall be under the conduct of Jehovah, we will keep the doors of God's house or church open always to believers in Christ, who are bound in the faith, about the salvation of God's elect, as it is by the Father's grace, through the Son's redemption. And as our God will help us we will keep them always. That against visible unbelievers and profligate persons. And now as a testimony of our cordial belief in these doctrines above mentioned, and our holy resolution to walk together in the fellowship of the gospel of Christ, as a church of His, redeemed by His blood and to keep this covenant by his grace assisting us, we not only called heaven and earth to witness, but sign the same with our hands."

## MALES.

Jacob Whipple.  
 Ebenezer Wheeler.  
 Joseph Rice.  
 James Leland.  
 Thomas Webster.  
 Robert Leathe.  
 Ephriam Wheeler.  
 William Potter.  
 Jonathan Webster.  
 Phinehas Pratt.  
 Jeduthan Fay.  
 Isaiah Lesure.  
 Stephen Bardins.  
 Samuel Webster.  
 Joseph Lesure.  
 Seth Chase.  
 Bradford Chase.  
 Josiah Chase.  
 James Elliot.  
 Abel Chase.  
 Daniel Hayden.  
 John Noble.

## FEMALES.

Hannah Rice.  
 Jeresah Whipple.  
 Rachel Lesure.  
 Rachel Lesure, Jr.  
 Priscilla Wheeler.  
 Priscilla Wheeler, Jr.  
 Lucy Leland.  
 Elizabeth Webster.  
 Rhoda Lathe.  
 Mehitable Webster.  
 Elizabeth Knap.  
 Catherine Cook.  
 Rachel Winter.  
 Elizabeth Chase.  
 Abigail Chase.  
 Hannah Chase.  
 Miriam Flagg.  
 Elizabeth Chase, Jr.  
 Elizabeth Warren.  
 Mehitable Elliot.  
 Jemina Stanford.  
 Mercy Whipple.  
 Elizabeth Huse.  
 Eunice Bauss?  
 Rebecca Elliot.  
 Mary Collins.  
 Submit Hayden.  
 Rebecca Elliot.



Accordingly on the 20th of June, by request of several Baptist brethren in Grafton and Sutton, a council composed of the pastors and delegates from the Baptist churches in North Providence, First and Second Sutton and North-bridge, met in the town of Sutton and organized a church, consisting of seven male and eight female members, under the name of the Grafton Baptist Church, now the First Baptist Church. Of this council Rev. Samuel Waters was the moderator, and Rev. Samuel King the clerk, both of the First Sutton Church.

The church adopted the following articles of faith :—

Article 1st.—We believe in one God, who is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His Being, Wisdom, Power, Holiness, Justice, Goodness and Truth.

Art. 2nd.—That there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, who are the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Art. 3rd.—That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, which He hath given us for our only rule of faith and practice.

Art. 4th.—That the omniscient and allseeing God hath foreordained that whatever comes to pass, either by order or permission, shall work for the glory of his great name.

Art. 5th.—That God, who created the heavens, and the earth, the sea and all that in them is, upholds and governs the same by the will of his power.

Art. 6th.—That God made man in his own Image, in knowledge, righteousness and true holiness, and made with him a covenant of life, the condition of which was perfect obedience.

On the 8th of November, 1800, the church and society purchased a lot of land, on the bank of the stream, nearly opposite the house of John Hitchins, of Joseph Whipple for the sum of \$12, and upon it either in that year or shortly after, they erected and dedicated to the service of God, a commodious and comfortable house of worship, which they occupied till the erection of the present house of worship in 1830. The character of this building is well remembered by the older citizens ; it was very similar in construction to the churches of that day, having a high



boxed pulpit, the indispensable deacon's seat, square high backed pews, with the usual claptrap seats and the common destitution of any heating apparatus.\* It is also reported that the old church building was sometimes called "the goose-pen" or "the goose-house"; whether it received this name because it was the place of worship of a certain denomination or because some made it an escape from the taxation for the support of the gospel, I have not ascertained.

Probably the church had no settled pastor until Rev. THOMAS BARRETT was ordained, June 12, 1816. Prior to this time the pulpit was supplied by the licentiates, Josiah and Luther Goddard; Elisha Cushman and Rev. Job B. Boomer preached for over a year. At the

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services of Mr. BARRETT, Rev. Charles Train, D. D., of Framingham, preached the sermon; Rev. Jonathan Going, D. D., of Worcester, offered prayer; Rev. D. Pease, of Belchertown, gave the charge; Rev. Abial Fisher, D. D., of Bellingham, right hand of fellowship; Rev. I. Dwinnell, of Ward, prayer.

Mr. Luther Goddard was ordained by this church in June, 1810, as an Evangelist and not as its pastor.

During all these years the church seems to have enjoyed a good degree of both temporal and spiritual prosperity, as is evinced by the fact that in 1819, its membership had increased to 114, besides several who were dismissed to form a Baptist Church in Boylston and one in Shrewsbury. Mr. Barrett, the pastor, was a man of more than ordinary natural ability, possessed of sound judgment, a highly social nature, good common sense and deep piety, and was quite a fluent and pleasing preacher. After serving the

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\* Captain Benjamin Kingsbury says, however, that measures for warming the church were taken some time earlier than similar ones for heating.

church five years, he closed his labores, and from this time until 1822 the church was without a pastor; Mr. Ezra Going, a licentiate, performed the pastoral work for this time.

In November, 1822, Mr. OTIS CONVERSE, a licensed preacher, was employed as a supply, and on the 25th of June, 1823, he was ordained as the regular pastor. The ORDINATION services were as follows:—Opening prayer, Rev. James Boomer, of Charlestown; sermon, Abial Fisher, D. D., of Bellingham; prayer, Rev. Z. L. Leonard, of Sturbridge; charge, Jonathan Going, D. D., of Worcester; right hand of fellowship, Rev. John Chase, of Brookfield; address, Rev. Elias McGregory, of Ward; prayer, Rev. J. B. Boomer, of Sutton. Mr. Converse was more generally known as “Father Converse.” “He was a preacher of more than ordinary ability. He was physically large and strong; his voice clear, his manner and utterance forcible and impressive. He was deeply interested in the cause of education, and was truly one of the fathers of our denomination in Central Massachusetts. And to this I will add that my own short, but most pleasant personal acquaintance with this veteran preacher, convinced me, of the superiority of his native ability, and that had he enjoyed the advantages of a liberal education, he would have stood as a scholar, preacher and divine in the front ranks of the Christian ministry of New England. It was his loyalty to the truth and his love of souls, however, which gave him such a success as a preacher, and which makes his name so fragrant among us to-day. He died in Worcester, December 1, 1874, aged 78 years.”\*

The history of the church during his long pastorate was marked by varied and eventful experiences. From 1829 to 1833 the church enjoyed a continuous state of spiritual revival and prosperity. In the year ending 1832, 82 were

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\* Obituary by Rev. George B. Gow, which was read before the State Convention of Baptists. .

baptized, 22 of this number were received by the North-bridge branch of the church, over which Rev. Moses Harrington had the pastoral oversight. In 1833 a total membership of 268 was reported, the largest number ever returned in the history of the church. In the letter to the association that year, it is stated that an addition by baptism had been received each month, but one, for 27 consecutive months. In the close of the letter was the following:—"The church laments that the shower of grace, which has been falling upon the town for the last three years has passed." Mr. Converse resigned his pastorate, March 31, 1836. It was during his connection with the society that the present Baptist meeting-house was erected in 1830, and completed on the first day of November of that year, and dedicated the following month.\*

On the fourth of June, 1836, Rev. JOHN JENNINGS, a graduate of the Newton Theological Institute, 1834, was called to the pastorate of the church. The call was accepted and his installation took place on the 10th of the following August. The INSTALLATION services were as follows:—Introductory, Rev. J. B. Boomer, of Sutton; reading of Scriptures and prayer, Rev. S. S. Cutting, D. D., of West Boylston; sermon, Rev. B. Stevens, D. D., of Boston; ordaining prayer, Rev. Mr. Bunson, of Fall River; charge to candidate, Rev. Jonathan Aldrich, of Worcester; hand of fellowship, Rev. Mr. Mussey, of Bellingham; address, Rev. Abishai Lamson, of Southborough; prayer, Rev. John Green, of Leicester; benediction by the pastor. During the first year of Mr. Jennings' pastorate the church was in a prosperous condition and reported to the association an addition of 25 by baptism, making a total membership of 266. The following year, 1839, the membership was greatly reduced by dismissions to form Baptist churches at Millbury,

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\* The building committee consisted of Perley Goddard, Joshua Harrington, John Batchelor and Moses Roberts.

and at New England Village (Grafton) the Second Baptist Church.

In 1840 the church was again increased and in 1841 the interest declined. In December of this year Mr. Jennings received a call to the Pleasant-street Baptist Church in Worcester. He resigned and closed his labors here in February, 1842. The parish very unwillingly consented to his removal. He is said to have been a man of very pleasing manners both in and out of the pulpit, dignified in his bearing, and gentlemanly and engaging in his address. He was a devoted Christian, an excellent pastor. He died in Auburndale, May 26, 1871, aged 61. From the time of Mr. Jennings' dismissal until April, 1842, the church was without a regular pastor. At this time Rev. CALVIN NEWTON, a graduate of Union College and the Newton Theological Institute, 1828, and subsequently Professor, was called to the pastoral care of the church and immediately took up his work without any formal installation services. The pastorate of Professor Newton was attended during the first six months, with good results, and 35 were added to the church; this is the largest number baptized in any one year in the church in its entire history except the previous one. In 1843, Professor Newton of his own accord severed his pastoral relation with the church, and it was without any regular pastor for some two years. Professor Newton was probably the most scholarly man and writer ever settled over this church. He died in Worcester, in 1853, aged 53.

In January, 1845, an invitation was extended to BENJAMIN A. EDWARDS, a graduate of Brown University and of Newton Theological Institute, to become the pastor. This invitation was accepted, and he was ordained as pastor of this church March 19th, 1845. At the beginning of his pastorate he was taken sick, which deprived the church of the services of a pastor. In 1849, Mr. Edwards at his own request was dismissed from his pastoral labors. The church, until December, was without a pastor; at that time Rev. D. L.



McGEAR assumed the pastoral charge. During the first of his ministry there was more than the usual degree of religious interest.

At the association in 1850, an addition of 23 by baptism was reported, also that the church was in a prosperous condition. At the close of this year terminated the pastorate of Mr. McGear. During his term of service he enjoyed a considerable degree of temporal prosperity. At this time the walls of the audience room were frescoed and other internal improvements were made; the surroundings of the church building were also improved.

Rev. JOSEPH SMITH, a graduate of Brown University and of the Newton Theological Seminary, was called to the pastoral office in March, 1851, and in the following May entered upon his pastoral duties without any regular installation. In April, 1857, the connection which had been so pleasant and profitable was dissolved by the mutual consent of pastor and people. He died in North Oxford, April 26, 1866.

The next pastor of this church was Rev. J. M. CHICK, who without any public recognition took up his pastoral work in December, 1857. During the three years of his ministry here the church was greatly increased. The building in the inside was also improved, the floor of the audience room was placed on a level, inverting the pulpit, pews and choir gallery, and some other betterments. His resignation took place October 1, 1861, and in the following March, Rev. GILBERT ROBBINS was employed as stated supply and acting-pastor. He was not formally installed. In October of the year 1868 he closed his labors here, after a pleasant and comparatively harmonious pastorate of a little more than six years, the second longest pastorate in the history of the church. In August, 1869, Rev. DE FOREST SAFFORD, who graduated at Harvard University and Newton Theological Institute, became the pastor. He was publicly installed October 29th. Mr. Safford's stay was short, his labors closing at the end of the year. For the



next two years the church was destitute of a pastor, but had regular supplies.

In August 1872, Rev. A. C. HUSSEY, the present incumbent, entered upon the pastoral care of the church. In 1873, the church and society again remodelled the inside of their church, at a cost—including a new organ, pulpit furniture, lights, carpets—of \$3,000. The change was very noticeable and a decided improvement. The church was re-dedicated on the evening of October 9, 1873. The house was filled to its utmost capacity. The services which were as follows, were interesting and impressive:—Choir voluntary; prayer, Rev. J. H. Windsor; Anthem; reading of Scriptures, Rev. I. R. Wheelock, of Worcester; prayer, Rev. George B. Gow, of Worcester; hymn; sermon, Heman Lincoln, D. D., of the Newton Theological Institute; prayer, Rev. S. J. Bronson, of Millbury; hymn; benediction, Rev. A. C. Hussey. The society at this time remodelled the sheds in the rear of the church, which greatly improved the appearance of the church and its surroundings. The church has had eleven regular pastors, during a period of fifty years, and a membership of nearly 900. The present church membership is 172.

Rev. Albert Christopher Hussey, A. M., was born in Fairfield, Me., August 17, 1836. He was the son of Benjamin Franklin and Rebecca (Barnard) Hussey, of Nantucket, in which place they resided until a short time after marriage, when they removed to Maine. He was the youngest of five children, two sons and three daughters. In an article which appeared in the Nantucket newspaper written by W. C. Folger, Esq., relating to the ancestry of the older families, it was stated that Mr. Hussey was related paternally to Benjamin Franklin, Hon. Daniel Webster and John G. Whittier; the philosopher, statesman, and poet. Notwithstanding the disadvantages of residing in a rural district without church or school-house, he succeeded in qualifying himself, at the

early age of seventeen, for teaching a large and quite advanced district school. He continued to teach district schools winters and in the summer worked on his father's farm, attending a few terms at Bloomfield Academy, until the fall of 1857, when he entered Waterville College, now Colby University, Waterville, Me. Here he remained but a short time, but nevertheless he made such a record that, in 1876, at the annual commencement, the honorary degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him. For several years after leaving college he devoted himself to teaching, serving acceptably in this capacity in Farmington, Mercer, Stark and New Sharon, Me.; in the latter town he remained six years and served on the Board of Education for five years. In 1866, he began to preach, supplying the pulpits of the Baptist churches in Stark, Anson and Industry, Me. In the spring of 1868, at the suggestion of Rev. H. V. Dexter, D. D., of Baldwinsville, Mass., then pastor of the Baptist church in Calais, Me., and Rev. Elbridge Pepper, of Bradford, N. H., then pastor of the Baptist church in Eastport, Me., Mr. Hussey was called to take charge of the mission interests of the Baptist churches in the eastern part of Washington County, Me. He accepted the position and removed with his family to Princeton, in that county, where he established his headquarters. He was also ordained pastor of the Baptist church in that town February 18, 1869. Feeling the need of a thorough theological training he removed to Newton, Mass., and entered the Theological Seminary at Newton Centre, in the autumn of 1869. Here he pursued the regular three years course of study, graduating from the Institution on June 12th, 1872. Six months prior to his graduation he received and accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church in this place, which church he supplied with preaching several months before his settlement as regular pastor August 1st, 1872. This church he has served acceptably and successfully ever since, though having had repeated

opportunities to go to other and larger fields, at a much larger salary.

The church has licensed seven of its brethren to preach the gospel, as follows :—

Luther Goddard . . . . .	Sept., 1808
John Chase . . . . .	Sept., 1814
Jonathan E. Forbush . . . . .	May, 1823
Silas Livermore . . . . .	Aug., 1831
William Fay . . . . .	Dec., 1852
S. Johnson . . . . .	Dec., 1852
Seth J. Axtell, Jr. . . . .	Aug., 1864

#### DEACONS, BAPTIST CHURCH.

	Elected.
Jacob Whipple . . . . .	1784
Joseph Rice . . . . .	1784
Seth Chase . . . . .	1784
Mark Batchelor . . . . .	Aug., 1800
Enoch Batchelor . . . . .	Aug., 1800
James McClellan . . . . .	April, 1814
Mark Batchelor, Jr. . . . .	Jan., 1817
Jeremiah Bond . . . . .	Aug., 1831
Martin Jacobs . . . . .	April, 1835
Robert Prentice . . . . .	Dec., 1841
John McClellan* . . . . .	Dec., 1841
Charles Goddard . . . . .	Dec., 1847
Horace Batchelor . . . . .	Feb., 1864
James B. Stratton . . . . .	April, 1875
J. Augustus Goddard . . . . .	April, 1875

#### The Saundersville Congregational Church.

Its formation.—Preamble and resolutions.—Covenant.—Original members.—Sketches of Revs. Simeon Waters, Alvan J. Bates, Harvey M. Stone.—The deacons.

On the evening of February 13th, 1860, a number of persons, interested in the formation of a church in Saundersville, met at the school-house in that place for consultation and action. Rev. William Miller was chosen moderator,

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\* He has been church treasurer since 1846.

and Horatio Slocumb, clerk. The following preamble and resolutions were presented, and unanimously adopted :—

“WHEREAS, the Great Head of the church has disposed a number of persons residing in Saundersville and vicinity to unite together for public worship, and the celebration of religious ordinances; therefore resolved :—

First.—That we now proceed to take measures which shall result in the organization of a Congregational church in this place.

Second.—That a committee of five be appointed, whose duty shall be to ascertain the number of those who are disposed to unite in the organization of such church; to report a name for the new organization; to report articles of faith and a covenant for adoption by the church to be organized.”

Rev. William Miller, Washington White, Horatio Slocumb, H. P. Dunham and Solomon W. Leland, were appointed on this committee.

At an adjourned meeting, held on the evening of March 5th, 1860, the committee reported favorably on the number of persons ready for organization. They also reported the church, when organized, be called Saundersville Congregational Church.

At an adjourned meeting, held on the evening of March 15th, 1860, the following question was put to each person present: “Shall we proceed to take measures necessary for the organization of a Congregational church in this place?” This question received a unanimous answer in the affirmative; and the name proposed, together with the articles of faith and covenant, were agreed to, upon which measures were immediately taken, which resulted in the assembling of an Ecclesiastical council, on the 18th day of April, 1860. There were on this council, from the Congregational church in Whitinsville, Rev. L. F. Clark and Paul Whitin; Grafton, Rev. T. C. Biscoe and Hon. William R. Hill; Sutton, Rev. George Lyman and Dea. William Terry; Millbury, First, Rev. E. Y. Garrette and Dea. Leonard Dwinal; Millbury, Second, Horace Armsby; Worcester, First, Rev. Horace James and Samuel W. Kent; Upton, Rev. A. J.

Willard and Dea. Horace Forbush. This council reported it expedient to proceed to the organization of a church.

The original members were as follows :—

William Miller.  
Horatio Slocomb.  
Whitin Fisher.  
Solomon W. Leland.  
Mary Chappel.  
Maria Lincoln.  
Lydia Saunders.  
Hannah Dunham.

Harriett E. Miller.  
Roxellana Slocomb.  
Esther Fisher.  
James Chappel.  
Hannah Chappel.  
Emily C. Brown.  
H. P. Dunham.  
Sophia Nichols.

The public services were observed in the following order : Invocation and reading of Scriptures, Rev. Mr. Willard ; introductory prayer, Rev. Mr. Abbott ; sermon, Rev. Horace James ; recognition of the church, Rev. George Lyman ; constituting prayer, Rev. L. F. Clark ; fellowship of the churches, Rev. E. Y. Garrette ; concluding prayer, Rev. William Miller ; benediction, Rev. T. C. Biscoe.

The following covenant was adopted :—

“ In the presence of God and this witnessing assembly, you now cordially, and without reserve, give yourselves up to God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. You heartily accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, the Holy Spirit as your sanctifier and guide, and solemnly dedicate yourselves to God, as the object of your highest love, and to His service as your highest joy. You do also covenant to walk with this church in its worship and ordinances, to submit cheerfully to its discipline, and to labor for its edification, purity and prosperity ; and these vows you take upon you, with an effecting belief that they are recorded in Heaven, and will be reviewed in the judgment of the great day.

We, therefore, the members of this church, affectionately receive you to our communion, and in the name of Christ declare you entitled to all its privileges ; we welcome you to this fellowship with us, in the blessings of the Gospel ; and on our part engage to watch over you in love, and give you our sympathies and prayers so long as you shall continue with us. The Lord bless you, and keep you ! The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you ! The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace ! And unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Sav-



four, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever, Amen."

The first acting pastor of the church was Rev. WILLIAM MILLER, who came here from Sterling. He began his labors July 1st, 1860, leaving April 6th, 1862, serving a little less than two years.

Rev. SIMEON WATERS was the second pastor, who began his labors March 1, 1863, and closed April 1, 1866. He was born in Providence, Penn. His parents dying while he was quite young, he came to Millbury, Mass., where he resided with an uncle till he was twenty-one. He fitted for college at Leicester Academy, and entered Yale, but owing to an injury he received while there did not fully complete the college course. On account of his health he went South, and for five years taught and preached in Mississippi and Louisiana, riding on horseback hundreds of miles to preach and to start Sabbath schools in many parts of those states. Mr. Waters was ordained in Iowa. He preached in Mt. Pleasant eight years, and also assisted in forming several of the churches in that state. He spent not a little time in lecturing upon temperance and anti-slavery, and was at one time employed by the state for this purpose. He came East on account of the illness of his wife, and spent several years at Deer Isle, Me., where his ministry was remarkably successful. Between that people and their pastor there was the warmest attachment to the end of his life. But the climate was too severe, and in the spring of 1862 he came to Grafton. He came here an invalid, and during his four years' stay suffered almost daily and increasingly from the disease which was fast doing its work. He left Grafton in April, 1866. In January, 1867, he went to Ocala, Florida, where he died March 20, 1867.

"In some respects Mr. W. was a remarkable man. In the West he was widely known as a ready extemporaneous speaker and a powerful debater. In the metaphysical truths of God, his mind was ever deeply interested. He preached

with an earnestness and power that always commanded attention. His brilliant conversational powers, ready wit, and warm grasp of the hand, will long be remembered by those who have known him intimately."

Rev. JAMES E. HALL was the next pastor, installed February 27, 1867, dismissed March 24, 1868. He removed from this village to Quincy, Mass.

His successor was Rev. ALVAN J. BATES. He was the son of Isaac and Ursula (Jones) Bates; born in Brewer (now Holden), Me., April 12, 1820. He was one of eight children, of pious and worthy parentage. His mother, I think, was granddaughter of old Parson Fisher, of Wrentham, Mass., her native town, and sister of the late Rev. Elijah Jones, of Minot, Me. Mr. Bates became a subject of renewing grace when eighteen years of age. At the age of twenty years he, with many others, among whom was his future wife, who yet survives to mourn his loss, united in June, 1840, with the church in Brewer, Me., then in charge of Rev. J. R. Munsell.

Soon after he devoted himself to the gospel ministry, and began his course of education the same year, pursuing his academical studies at Gorham Academy and Bangor Classical School. He entered the Theological Seminary at Bangor in the autumn of 1844, and graduated in 1847. Mr. Bates was kind and cheerful, with a spice of mother wit, and of amiable and obliging manners. His piety was unquestionable, active, quiet and unobtrusive. His scholarship was respectable. He was always a favorite with his classmates and fellow-students, and in the seminary acquired the frequent title of "Melanchthon," because of his pacific turn.

Immediately upon his graduation, he went to Lincoln, Me., and began labor with that church. September 27, 1849, he was ordained an Evangelist, and was acting-pastor there from 1847 to 1865.

For several years Mr. B. was the only Congregational minister in the region. His labors were abundant and arduous. His nearest exchanges were at Oldtown, thirty-six miles, and at Patten, forty-eight. Young ministers who have to preach two sermons per Sabbath, as was the universal custom then, can appreciate this. Occasionally a missionary was sent to Springfield, twenty miles east of him, and another to Burlington, as far in another direction. In these circumstances he could have very few exchanges, while his labors were constant and exhaustive. And when at length Rev. J. E. M. Wright, now of Needham, Mass., went to Burlington, sixteen miles away, his heart and his wife's leaped for joy, that they were not alone, but had one to sympathize with them.

He attended funerals ten, twenty, forty and sixty-seven miles away. There were no railroads then in the Aroostook, and he usually went with his own team; and sometimes was obliged to be away over night for the bad roads and mud. The nearest Congregational conference of churches was twelve miles; Patten was forty-eight, Houlton sixty-seven, and Ft. Fairfield one hundred and ten miles. The first at Ft. Fairfield, was held in a new barn. People came from near and far, and a blessed meeting it was. They were hungry for the gospel and for Christian meetings. Two women walked eight and ten miles to attend it; and though Christian women, they had not heard a sermon for many years. Would that all people were as hungry for truth now. Mr. Bates once journeyed two and a half days with several others, with their own teams, taking food for themselves and animals with them, to avoid expense at hotels and save their dimes to swell the contribution of the conference to the Maine Missionary Society. They dined by a brook in the woods, and "ate their bread with singleness and gladness of heart." Yet those were precious seasons. All were glad to see the ministers come among them, and hear the

gospel of Jesus, and their hearts were joyful. This was their reward.

The salary of Mr. B., at Lincoln, was generally \$400, and never over \$500. His name and self-sacrificing labors are gratefully remembered by many through all that region. For funerals he sometimes received some compensation among his own people, but never from entire strangers. They forgot that it cost a minister something to support a team, or hire one.

Mr. Bates was elected chaplain to the Maine Second and Fourteenth regiments, and served with them from September, 1862, to January, 1865. While in the Second, in the army of the Potomac, he was in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorville. With the Fourteenth he was transferred to the southern department, where they remained till August, 1864; then were ordered to Sheridan's command in the Shenandoah Valley, and he was in the battles at Winchester, Strasburg and Cedar Creek. He was loved and respected by his regiments as a Christian gentleman; tenderly sympathizing with, and cheering and aiding them every way in his power, carrying the wounded from the bloody field, giving a "cup of water" to the thirsty, a word of cheer and comfort to the desponding and afflicted; writing letters for them to dear friends whose faces they might see no more; sometimes the farewell words of a lover to his betrothed, or to a widowed mother; or breathing a prayer for the dying as death dimmed his eye, and aiding in the burial with the tenderness of a brother.

When the war closed he was invited to Harwichport, Mass., where he labored from February, 1865, to March, 1868, as acting-pastor. Receiving a call to Saundersville, in Grafton, Mass., he began labor there June, 1868, was installed June 22nd, 1869, and was pastor at the time of his death, which occurred almost instantly at Lincoln, Me., among the people of his first charge. He had preached once, given notice of an evening service, addressed the Sab-



bath school. While walking a few rods with friends to their home, he fell, was borne into the house, and in a few minutes his spirit had joined those before the throne. He died of valvular disease of the heart. At the request of his people, his remains were brought to Saundersville for interment. The funeral was large, and a deeply tender and solemn occasion. Nearly all the ministers of the association were present, and took part in the exercises. Also a classmate and intimate acquaintance for more than thirty-seven years, who now succeeds him. His name and memory are precious among the people. His remains rest in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Bates was married November 4, 1847, to Miss Martha Maria Cheney, a native of Dunstable, Mass., daughter of Kendall and Martha (Blood) Cheney, a sister of Rev. Mighill Blood, the first minister of Bucksport, Me., his only pastorate. Her parents removed to Boston in her infancy, where her father died. When Martha was fifteen years of age the family removed to Brewer, Me., where she was united in wedlock to Rev. Mr. Bates.

Rev. HARVEY M. STONE, the present pastor, installed December 18, 1878, was born in Cabot, Vt., September 1, 1819; was educated in Maine; pursued academic studies four years at Gorham and Bangor; entered the Theological Seminary at Bangor in the fall of 1844, and graduated in 1847; was invited immediately to labor with the church in Bluehill; after one year the call for settlement was renewed, and he was ordained and installed November 2, 1848; the sermon was by Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D., of Searsport; was dismissed March 9, 1854; began labor the same month in Waldoboro, as acting-pastor, and continued till June, 1857, three and one-fourth years; was installed in Gardiner, July 8, 1857; sermon by Rev. George Adams, D. D., of Brunswick; dismissed December 5, 1860; began supply with the Central church, Middleborough, Mass., the same month; was installed April 18, 1861; sermon by Rev.



E. B. Webb, D.D., of Boston ; was dismissed March 31, 1863 ; labored as acting-pastor in South Dennis from October, 1863, till November 9, 1867 ; began labors in Laconia, N. H., in December following, and was installed successor to the late Rev. John Young, D. D., February 11, 1868 ; sermon by Rev. James Savage, D. D., of Franklin ; was dismissed December 19, 1870 ; began labor in Rochester in January, and was installed May 18, 1871 ; sermon by Rev. S. Haywood, of South Berwick, Me. ; dismissed January 28, 1875 ; supplied the church at Miller's Falls, Mass., ten months, and at Worthington fourteen months ; accepted call to Saundersville, and began labors November 1st, and was installed over the church, successor to the late Rev. A. J. Bates, December 18, 1877.

The installing services were as follows :—

Sermon, by Rev. Heman P. DeForest.

Installing Prayer, Rev. John R. Thurston.

Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. John H. Windsor.

Charge to the Pastor, Rev. George A. Putnam.

Address to the People, Rev. William T. Briggs.

Anthem,—“ I will wash my hands in innocence.”

Concluding Prayer.

Benediction by the Pastor.

Mr. Stone was married to Miss Lizzie S. Parsons, daughter of Dea. S. and Hannah G. Parsons, of Orono, Me., October 4, 1847, who still lives, the faithful companion and sharer of his labors, his joys and sorrows.

Ten members have been added to the church since Mr. Stone's settlement.

During the first seven years of the history of this church there seems to have been no special revival in the church, yet there were indications of health and steady growth. Only seven were added to the church by profession, and about as many more by letter. It was a time of sowing more than of reaping, a period which we sometimes under-rate in our anxiety to accelerate the work. In 1867 the church shared in the revival of the town, and received

eighteen to its membership on confession of their faith, and four by letter. The following year three others were added, the next year four, the next seven, the next six, the next three, the next, which was 1873, with increased religious interest, nine were added, and the next year seven. The total membership up to this time was ninety-five. The death rate has been small. Nearly one-fourth of the present number is non-resident. This church labors under the great disadvantage of frequent change of population. This not only prevents more rapid growth, but interferes with the social relations. Church members lack the usual stimulus to become intimately acquainted, and are not sufficiently cheered on by one another to do effectual church work. The pastor's work is that of constant reconstruction, together with a little seed-sowing here and a little there, which, if it takes root, will more than likely spring and grow in another field, and under another's care. The Sabbath school has few children whose parents are Christians, and but a small share of home influence can be relied upon to make Bible study in the highest degree efficient. The success, on the whole, has been more encouraging than circumstances could reasonably promise. One fact of interest should not be omitted in the record. A member of the church has, within the last year,\* been ordained to the ministry. He was taken from the factory and educated by the church, and is now doing successful service as a missionary in the western part of the State. The church and society has from the start been under the fostering care of the manufacturing corporation, whose pecuniary aid covers more than two-thirds of the running expenses.

## DEACONS.

Chosen.

Horatio Slocomb, . . . . .	Sept. 12, 1867.
Charles H. Searles, . . . . .	“ “
Washington White, . . . . .	June 10, 1869.
Esek Saunders, . . . . .	June 2, 1870.
Edward Fowler, . . . . .	June 6, 1877.

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### The Second Baptist Church.

The organization—The council—The constituent members.—The pastors—Sketches of Revs. Miner G. Clarke, William C. Richards, William Leverett, Joseph M. Rockwood, J. D. E. Jones, L. M. Sargent.—The deacons.

This church, in New England Village, was organized November 9, 1836, in a hall fitted up by the mill owners in 1834, in the upper story of the east wing of their counting-room building, near the "Upper Mill," for the use of persons of all denominations wishing to hold religious services.

The council which convened to recognize the new church, was composed of the following delegates:—

From the Baptist Church in Grafton, . . . .	{ Rev. John Jennings. Perley Goddard. Samuel Prentice. Martin Jacobs.
From the Church in Worcester, . . . . .	{ Rev. Jonathan Aldrich. Luther Goddard. Nathaniel Stowell.
From Church in Westborough, . . . . .	{ Rev. Otis Converse. Abner Warren.

Services of recognition were as follows:—

Reading of Scripture, by Rev. Miner G. Clark.  
Introductory Prayer, by Rev. Jonathan Aldrich.  
Sermon, by Rev. John Jennings.  
Prayer of Recognition, by Luther Goddard.  
Hand of Fellowship, by Rev. Otis Converse.

The constituent members numbered forty-three; twenty-four from the church in Grafton, and nineteen from churches in Shrewsbury and Boylston:—

Alexander, James, Jr.,  
Alexander, Mrs. Sally,  
Allen, Lucy S.,  
Hapgood, Elijah,  
Hapgood, Mrs. Eunice,  
Harrington, Mary,  
Leland, Ebenezer,

Leland, Mrs. Molly,  
Leland, Hannah E.,  
Miles, Anna,  
Moore, Ezra,  
Newton, Isaac,  
Newton, Nahum,  
Newton, John L.,

Newton, Mary Ann,	Smith, Nancy,
Newton, Patty,	Shepardson, Moses K.,
Newton, Lucinda,	Shepardson, Mrs. Laura,
Newton, Adeline,	Shepardson, Amanda,
Noyes, Daniel,	Tucker, Eddy,
Norcross, Josiah,	Tucker, Mrs. Betsey,
Nelson, Louisa,	Tucker, Jedediah,
Putnam, Samuel W.,	Tucker, Mrs. Sally,
Putnam, Aurilla,	Tucker, Elmira,
Pickett, John,	Thayer, Patty,
Stearnes, Stephen,	Vickers, Dorothy,
Stearnes, Mrs. Patty,	Wesson, Charles,
Stearnes, Sophila,	Wesson, Mrs. Charles,
Stone, Hannah,	Wesson, Catharine.
Richardson, Abigail,	

The first preaching services in the village of which there is any record, were held by Rev. Otis Converse, then pastor of the Baptist Church in Grafton, in the village school-house and private dwellings, as early as 1826, the year in which the "Upper Mill" and connected buildings were erected. These meetings were continued by him and ministers of other denominations, with frequent interruptions and cessations, for nearly nine years. In the year 1835 a Baptist Society was formed for the purpose of securing regular religious services; the success of which enterprise led to the formation of the church the following year, as before stated. Until October, 1838, the church had no settled pastor, preachers being secured from Newton Theological Institution and other sources. At that time Rev. Miner G. Clarke, a graduate of that institution, accepted an invitation to the pastorate. In November of the same year the church and society took measures for the erection of the house of worship now owned and occupied by the church, which was completed and dedicated in May, 1839, a building 42 by 60 feet, with a spire; arranged to seat about 375 persons, exclusive of the gallery; the land having been donated for that purpose by the Grafton Manufacturing Company.

The pastors of the church, from the date of its organization to the present time (1879), and their terms of service, are as follows:—

Rev. Miner G. Clarke, October, 1838, to April 1, 1840.

Rev. William C. Richards, May 1, 1841, to July 7, 1844.

Rev. Alfred Pinney, October, 1844, to December 1, 1845.

Rev. William C. Richards, April 1, 1846, to April 22, 1849.

Rev. William Leverett, November 1, 1849, to January 1, 1855.

Rev. Joseph M. Rockwood, October 1, 1857, to June 1, 1864.

Rev. J. D. E. Jones, October 1, 1864, to May 9, 1875.

Rev. L. M. Sargent, June 1, 1875.

REV. MINER G. CLARKE, first pastor of the church, was born December 7, 1809, in Woodstock, Ct., and graduated in August, 1837, from Newton Theological Institution, after a five years' course. During the last year of this course he supplied the pulpit at New England Village. His graduation was immediately followed by a unanimous call from the church he had supplied to become its pastor. This, however, was declined on account of financial difficulties, which so disturbed the business of the country, and manufacturing interests especially, that there seemed little to base hope upon, and it was thought necessary to abandon the enterprise for a time at least. Accordingly Mr. C. accepted a call from the Second Baptist Church in Suffield, Ct., and was ordained there November, 1837. Success attended his labors, quite a number were added to the church, and preliminary steps taken for the erection of a new church edifice. At this point, however, Mr. Clarke was obliged to resign his charge and go to his old farm-home in Woodstock, Ct., to recuperate. After a few months he so far rallied as to be able to preach, and business having revived he was recalled to take up the work in New England Village. A house of worship was soon after erected, which continues to this day. It was built by hard, earnest labor, and much self-sacrifice. The means of the church were so limited, that in addition to his other labors Mr. C. taught school part of the time to



eke out his salary. The scattered forces were gathered up, and many were converted and added to the church. After about a year and a half of successful ministerial work, Mr. C. was prostrated with lung fever, and attempting to preach too soon brought on hemorrhage of the lungs, which so reduced him that he was again obliged to resign and return to his father's home. After several months of rest he was so far recovered as to settle in Norwich, Ct. Through his labors the Central Baptist Church was soon organized, and their house of worship erected. During his six years' pastorate several hundred were added to the church by baptism. In the spring of 1846 he was called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Springfield, Mass. Here again he broke down under his arduous labors, and in March, 1850, resigned and left the field. In the following autumn he had so far recovered as to be able to assume a secretaryship of the American and Foreign Bible Society in New York. In April, 1851, he accepted the pastorate of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Philadelphia, where he labored until the autumn of 1856. During this time their substantial and tasteful house of worship was erected and filled with hearers, and large additions made to their membership. A partial sunstroke produced congestion of the brain, and again he must say farewell to a beloved people. After a time he removed to Indianapolis and commenced on his own financial responsibility the publication of *The Witness*, which, with the help of an office editor, he continued six years. Traveling much through the malarial districts of that new state, he contracted ague, which, combining with his former bronchial irritation, necessitated his fleeing again for his life. Selling out his interest in the paper (which has since been consolidated with *The Standard*, of Chicago), he removed to Chicago for its higher climate and more invigorating air. Here he acted as financial secretary for the Chicago University three years. In 1869 he accepted the pastorate of the Evanston Baptist Church, where for two

years he did a successful work. He left Evanston to accept a secretaryship of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, having the state of New York as his particular field. After nearly four years he resigned the position, having become entirely disabled for public labor. His present residence is Sandwich, DeKalb County, Illinois.

The second pastor of this church, Rev. W. C. RICHARDS, was born in Newton, June 20, 1809. He graduated from Brown University in 1837, read theology under the direction of President Wayland, was chosen Principal of the Bennington Union Academy, Vt., in 1837. In 1839 he was elected Principal and also Professor of Ancient Languages in the Hancock Literary and Scientific Institution, N. H. June 16, 1841, he was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry over the Second Baptist Church in Grafton, Rev. J. Jennings, of Grafton, preaching the sermon, Rev. L. Tracy, of West Boylston, Rev. H. Fitts, of Millbury, Rev. S. B. Swaim, of Worcester, Rev. A. Harvey, of Westborough, and Rev. A. S. Lyon, of Oxford, performing the other services on the occasion. He was joined in marriage with Miss Eliza G. Willard, of Keene, N. H., July 6, 1841. He entered at once upon his ministerial work, was abundant and successful in his pastoral labors, specially in connection with the great revival which, in March, 1842, broke out in this church, and the village where it was located, and spread thence throughout the town and community, receiving to the membership of this body 146 by baptism and 20 by letter. He resigned the charge October, 1844. March, 1846, the church recalled him to the office of pastor, which he filled with acceptance and ability, baptizing during his second term of labor 42 more persons. In 1849, he was called to the pastoral charge of the First Baptist Church in Lynn, where he remained in continued and active ministerial labors for fifteen years. In 1865, he accepted a call to the Second Baptist Church in Newton,

which he served with fidelity till April, 1875, and then retired to more private life at Newton Upper Falls.

Rev. WILLIAM LEVERETT was pastor of the church from November 1, 1849, to January 1, 1855, about six years.

Mr. Leverett was born in Brookline, Mass., in the first year of the century, and united with Charles-street Church, Boston (of which Rev. Daniel Sharp, D. D., was then minister), at the age of fifteen years. He graduated at Brown University in the class of 1824, and was elected pastor of the First or "Dudley-street" Baptist Church in Roxbury, Mass. (now Boston Highlands), where he continued fifteen years. The church there was weak when he assumed the pastorate, but during his ministry became strong in numbers, character, and influence. After resigning the church in Roxbury, he served the Second Baptist Church in Cambridge, as pastor, ten years. From there he removed to New England Village, from here to Newport, R. I., where he has lived in retirement to the date of this publication.

Rev. JOSEPH M. ROCKWOOD was born in Bellingham, Mass. His youth was spent mostly with studies at the Academy, College and Theological Seminary—some two years at Milford, three at Waterville, Me., one at Hanover, N. H., and three at Newton, Mass. In early manhood he was pastor eight years at Rutland, Vt., for six years at Belcher-town, Mass., and seven years at New England Village, Mass., and for the last fourteen years has been pastor in Middlefield, Mass.

Rev. JOHN DAVIS EDMANDS JONES, of Worcester, took pastoral charge of the Baptist Church, New England Village, in October, 1864, and continued in that relation till May, 1875, ten years and seven months. He was born November 11th, 1819, in Charles River Village, Needham, Mass. He was the third child and the second son of John and Sylvia Dudley Jones. He was graduated at Brown University in 1845, and was a student in the Newton Theological

Institution in 1846 and 1847, was then principal of the Troy, N. Y., Academy for two years, and was ordained pastor of the Baptist Church, North Bennington, Vt., November 8, 1849.

After a service of nearly six years in the North Bennington Church, he resigned and accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Worcester, Mass. After a pastorate in Worcester of four years, he resigned and accepted the office of Superintendent of Public Schools in that city. This latter office he resigned in January, 1866, and accepted an official position in the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of that city, which position he still holds.

During the period he held the above secular offices, he supplied the pulpits of several churches, the longest term of continued service being in the New England Village Church.

He was married March 26, 1846, to Clarissa Ann, eldest daughter of Preston Day, Esq., of North Wrentham (now Norfolk), Mass. In all his work as pastor and preacher he always gratefully acknowledged the efficient aid he received from the active and self-denying labors of his earnest and pious wife.

The present pastor, Rev. L. M. SARGENT, son of Rev. J. W. and Mrs. C. F. Sargent, was born in Billerica, September 12, 1836. Came to New England Village in 1840, and moved to Worcester in 1861.

September 30, 1871, the Main-street Baptist Church in Worcester, of which he was a member, constituted him a licentiate. Up to 1872, he pursued the occupation of a mechanic. In May, 1872, he accepted a call to supply the pulpit of what was then known as the Dewey-street Chapel, and on the 5th of the September following was ordained as pastor of the newly organized Dewey-street Church, with this church he labored one year, and resigned on account of failing health. His labors with the church in New England Village commenced June 1, 1875.



## DEACONS.

The deacons of the church and the dates of their election are as follows :—

Stephen Stearns . . . . .	Dec.	1, 1836
Moses K. Shepardson . . . . .	Dec.	1, 1836
Eddy Tucker . . . . .	Oct.	31, 1839
Asa F. Smith . . . . .	Nov.	5, 1844
N. G. Whitney . . . . .	Feb.	10, 1859
J. H. Smith . . . . .	March 26,	1859
George W. Hastings . . . . .	Oct.	31, 1868

**Freewill Baptist Church.**

Primary meetings.—The church and covenant.—Original members.—Sketches of the pastors, Revs. B. D. Peck, D. D., George T. Day, A. M., Joseph Whittemore, B. F. Pritchard, M. W. Burlingame, G. W. Wallace, Daniel C. Wheeler, A. M. Freeman, Francis Read, Andrew J. Eastman.—Deacons.

Late in the year 1838, meetings were established in Saundersville and held in the school-house, through the instrumentality of Benjamin Saunders, who had recently removed here from Rhode Island. Revs. Martin Cheney, M. W. Burlingame, David Morey, M. J. Steere, of Smithfield, R. I., and other clergymen of this denomination preached here from time to time until the church was organized, December 29, 1839. The council for the organization included Rev. Martin Cheney, of Olneyville, R. I.; Rev. M. W. Burlingame, of Mendon, Mass.; and Rev. David Morey, of Scituate, R. I. The church records are here deficient. The last name is given from memory by one of the original members.

The following is the covenant :—

“We receive the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as a revelation from God, unfolding our duty, and opening the way to eternal life. We accept Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, as ordinances designed by Christ to be observed by all his disciples.

We will constantly endeavor to maintain and promote the spirit of piety and faithfulness in ourselves by a diligent use of the various



means of grace; so that we may have constant communion with God, and commend religion to others by means of a holy example.

We will watch over each other in the spirit of true charity,—seeking to assist the needy, strengthen the weak, encourage the despondent, sympathize with the sorrowful, instruct the erring, reprove offenders in meekness, win back the straying to duty, receive Christian admonition and reproof in kindness, and aid in the maintenance of good and wholesome discipline. We will severally bear our part in the labors, responsibilities and trials which are necessary to sustain the exercises and carry forward the objects of the church; and will endeavor to acquiesce cheerfully in the measures approved by a majority of the members, for the promotion of the welfare of the whole body.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred, and Christian objects supreme; counting it our chief business in life to spread Christian knowledge and diffuse the Christian spirit in every circle of society, and among all the nations of the earth,—ever looking, praying, and toiling, that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is done in Heaven.

May He who has promised His help, strengthen us to keep this covenant, bless us with true prosperity, till he shall gather us to Himself. AMEN."

The following persons were the original members of the church :—

Benjamin Saunders.

Betsey Saunders.

Ira Cook.

Rachel Cook.

Amos D. Johnson.

Theodocia Johnson.

Thomas Putnam.

Caroline R. Gilman.

Abigail Williams.

Achsa Williams.

Abigail Williams, 2nd.

Orlando Russell.

Elizabeth Goodale.

REV. BENJAMIN D. PECK, D. D., the first pastor, was installed June 4, 1840, and dismissed in September, 1846, being in charge about seven years. During this time he administered the rite of baptism to between seventy and seventy-five persons, and received into the church nearly 100. He was ordained in the Episcopal Church at Wilkin-sonville. Dr. Peck was born in Bristol, R. I., April 11, 1813; he was in school in Providence much of the time during his boyhood days, and after he was sixteen he spent some three years at a Friends' school in Bolton, Mass., kept by Mr. Thomas Fry. Was converted in 1838, and united

with the Free Baptist Church in the village of Georgiaville, R. I. Pursued his Theological studies with such aid and instruction as he could obtain from the ministers in the Rhode Island Association that were near the residence of his parents. Preached in Georgiaville about a year, when he removed to Saundersville. He now resides at Carolina Mills, R. I.

REV. GEORGE T. DAY, A. M., the second pastor, was installed in December 1846, and remained until he removed to Ohio in 1850. He was born in Concord (now Day), Saratoga County, N. Y., December 8, 1822. When he was three years and a half old his parents removed to Scituate, R. I., and from there to Hebronville, Mass. His early educational advantages were quite limited. His parents were Congregationalists and were strict and careful in the religious training of their children. His mother died when he was twelve years of age, and from that time the family was scattered. In 1845 he entered the Freewill Baptist Theological Seminary at Whitestone, N. Y., and left in 1846, to become the pastor of this church. His stipulated salary was \$350 per annum. At the beginning of the second year, fearing this amount was too great for the ability of the parish, he requested that it might be reduced to \$300.\* His ordination occurred in connection with a session of the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, held at Olneyville, May 20, 1847; Martin Cheney preaching the sermon, and M. W. Burlingame offering the prayer of consecration.

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\* Memoir by W. H. Bowen, D. D., p. 35. "During the four years in this pastorate, his life was almost wholly free from cares beyond the limits of his parish. His pastorate closed October 29, 1850. His farewell sermon, proclaiming 'The Duties and Rights of Ministers,' was no attempt at self-defence or inculcation of the people, but a robust, manly presentation of the mutual relations between pulpit and pew. He supplied the pulpit until the following December. In December, 1866, he began editing the *Morning Star* and continued until his death, which occurred May 21, 1875, in Providence, R. I."

Rev. JOSEPH WHITEMORE, the third pastor, was installed April 1, 1851, and dismissed April 5, 1852. He was born in Salisbury, N. H., September 10, 1813. His parents were poor and he lived at home but little after he was seven years old. He attended Franklin Academy for a term and then engaged some time in teaching school. In September, 1838, he began preaching to the Freewill Baptist Church in Nashua, where he remained during the winter. He was subsequently pastor of the church at Tiverton, R. I., and at Pawtucket. During his pastorate in Saundersville the church removed its place of worship from this place to Farnumsville, and some thirty were added to its numbers. But in the beginning of winter his health failed, and he was obliged to desist from preaching. Partially recovering his health, he supplied the Olneyville pulpit for a while, in the former part of the summer of 1852. He was subsequently appointed a Home Missionary.

Rev. JOSEPH THAYER, the next pastor, was installed April 5, 1852. He was pastor one year and a half. After Mr. Thayer's pastorate ended the church lost its visibility. Preaching was had a portion of the time between this and 1862, by men representing different denominations and supported by a society ; there being no church at this time.

The church was reorganized however, November 1, 1862, by Rev. B. F. PRITCHARD, who began preaching May 5, 1862. He was dismissed October 11, 1864.

He was born in Blackstone, Mass., in 1833, the son of Benjamin and Lilles Pritchard, was converted in September, 1857, and baptized in May, 1858, and united with the Freewill Baptist Church in Georgiaville, R. I., taught school in Greenwich for three years, until 1861, when he came to Grafton. He was ordained at the Roger Williams church in Providence, R. I., in June of the same year. He remained here two years and a half, and in 1867, he went to Cape Elizabeth, Maine, where he has been pastor for nearly

twelve years, and is now located. He was married March, 1858, in Killingly, Conn., to Caroline L. Hurchell.

The next pastor was Rev. M. W. BURLINGAME, who was installed March 21, 1865, and dismissed October 7, 1866. He was born in the town of Gloucester, R. I., in May, 1805. He was early susceptible of religious impressions, and his mind received its bent. He applied himself to study, and obtained an education in the schools at Killingly, Conn., and Wilbraham, Mass., more than ordinary for the young men of that day. He devoted himself to the Christian ministry and received license to preach in May, 1828, so that at the time of his death, 1879, he had completed more than fifty years of ministerial service. He began his life-work in his native town and the towns in close proximity to it, and in connection with teaching in the public schools. Here he has spent its closing years, and indeed the far larger portion of all its years. After a year of useful service in Pennsylvania, whither his parents had removed, he returned and renewed his labors in these towns. Chepachet was blessed by the ardor and devotion of his young manhood. This church was among the fruits of his early efforts. Eventually he confined his labors to Blackstone, where he worked, though only a portion of the time at first, for sixteen years, closing his pastorate in 1846. This seems to have been the golden period of his life. The church grew. The influence of the pastor in the community was immense, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. It has been estimated that the number whom he baptized during this period must have reached five hundred. During the three years subsequent to his resignation of the pastorate at Blackstone, he was pastor of the church in Greenville, and for a second time of the church at Chepachet. During the next twenty years he had pastorates in all the New England States except Vermont. Notable among them were those at New Market and Danville, N. H., and Topsham, Me. In other fields he labored with varying success,



but always with fidelity. Some nine years since, he returned to Georgiaville, R. I., which proved to be his last earthly abiding place.

Rev. G. W. WALLACE was installed over this church and society April 1, 1867, and dismissed April 17, 1870.

He was born February 19, 1814, in Berkley, Mass. At the age of sixteen he united with the Freewill Baptist Church in Pawtucket, R. I. At the age of twenty he went to study and labor as a colleague with the Rev. Junia S. Mowrey, who at that time had the pastoral care of two churches. This relation continued for some time, until his health began to give way. He also attended school for a season at the academy at Taunton. In the winter of 1840, he studied elocution under Prof. C. P. Bronson, at Boston. In May, 1842, he was married to Miss Carrie Luther, and was ordained at Rehoboth, Mass., August 23rd, 1848.

Rev. DANIEL C. WHEELER, the next pastor, was installed April 17, 1870, and dismissed April 1, 1871. He was born in Wells, December 3, 1827, the son of Job and Lucinda Wheeler. He was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Holman of Boston, in Biddeford, Me., at the age of nineteen, and soon after joined the Biddeford Freewill Baptist Church, T. H. Witham, pastor. In 1867, he married Miss H. A. Morrow, of Boston, where he resided; here he joined the Bennett-street Freewill Baptist Church, and in 1868, he received a license. During this year he entered the New Hampton Theological Seminary. At his ordination here Revs. J. Rand, M. W. Burlingame, A. R. Bradbury, C. P. Walden, participated. He is now pastor of the First Freewill Baptist Church, Wolfborough, N. H. During his pastorate a number of persons were baptized.

Rev. A. M. FREEMAN, Mr. Wheeler's successor, was installed April 1, 1871, and dismissed April 1, 1876.

He was born in Cumberland, R. I., the son of Willard and Aline Freeman. His mother was an Episcopalian and was strict and careful in the religious training of her son.



At the age of twenty-four, he was baptized and became connected with the Baptist Church in his native town. Besides the amount of intellectual cultivation ordinarily secured by those in his circumstances, he attended a grammar school for some time in the town of Smithfield, and subsequently the Academy in Woonsocket. He pursued his theological studies under Rev. James Wiley in his native town; studied church history under Rev. John Warner, of Smithfield, and received his license September, 1866. In July, 1869, he was ordained and installed pastor of the church in Standish, Me., where he remained two years. He received a unanimous call from the church in Farnumsville, where he remained five years. He was subsequently installed over the church in Waterbury, Vt., and is now pastor of the Baptist Church in North Tunbridge, Vt.

Rev. FRANCIS READ, the next pastor, was installed April 1, 1876, and dismissed April 1, 1878.

He is a native of Grafton, N. H., and was graduated from the Theological department of Bates College, Lewiston, Me., in the class of 1849. He has held pastorates in Portsmouth, N. H., Farmington and Bath, Me., besides in other places. While pastor over this church some prosperity attended his labors, a number being added by baptism and by letter. A considerable interest was also maintained in the Sabbath-school. He removed to Lawrence, Mass., where he supplies the pulpit of a church of the same denomination.

Rev. ANDREW J. EASTMAN, Jr., the next pastor, and present incumbent, was installed May 19, 1878. He was born in East Parsonsfield, York County, Me., July 23, 1846, the son of Andrew J. and Sarah J. Eastman. He was fitted for college at New Hampton, N. H., and entered Bates College, Lewiston, Me., August, 1870, and was graduated in June, 1874. He entered the Theological Seminary, a department of Bates College, in August, 1874, and graduated in June, 1877. He was ordained to the ministry November 1st, 1877, at Steep Falls, Standish, Cumberland

County, Me., by the following council:—Rev. J. M. Bailey, Saco, Rev. C. S. Perkins, Portland, Rev. A. F. Hutchinson, Cape Elizabeth, Rev. W. J. Twort, Gorham, Rev. P. M. Hobson, Steep Falls, Rev. A. G. Hill, Topsham.

## DEACONS.

	Elected.
Orlando Russell . . . . .	Jan. 14, 1843
Harford P. Danham . . . . .	Jan. 14, 1843
Reuben Fuller . . . . .	April, 1844
Benjamin Cragin . . . . .	April, 1844
Amos D. Johnson . . . . .	April, 1845
George W. Cromb . . . . .	Jan. 29, 1863
Elias Chase . . . . .	Jan. 1, 1870
Thomas Johnson . . . . .	Jan. 9, 1871
Smith P. Chase . . . . .	Jan. 6, 1872

## St. Philip's Church.

The mission.—Sketch of Rev. J. J. Power.—The church building.—Sketch of Rev. A. M. Baret, D. D.

In 1848 a small chapel (St. Philip's Church), about 25 by 40 feet, was built by subscription on a lot presented by Mr. Benchly to the few Catholics of Grafton. They were at that time attended by Rev. Father Sheridan, of Blackstone, who visited them occasionally during the year. In 1858, November 25th, the mission was annexed to St. Ann's Church of Worcester. The pastor, Rev. J. J. Power, continued to visit it several times a year, and had charge of it until July 1st, 1869. During the ten years of his administration, the Catholic population having largely increased, he enlarged (August, 1866) the too small edifice to its present capacity of 620 seats, and attended the congregation about every month, and later about every two weeks.

Rev. J. J. POWER was born in Charlestown, Mass., in 1828. He attended the public schools of his native town, and began his collegiate course in Holy Cross College, in Worcester, from which institution he was graduated in 1851.

He continued his theological studies in Montreal, Canada, one year, and at Aix, in France. He was ordained in 1856.

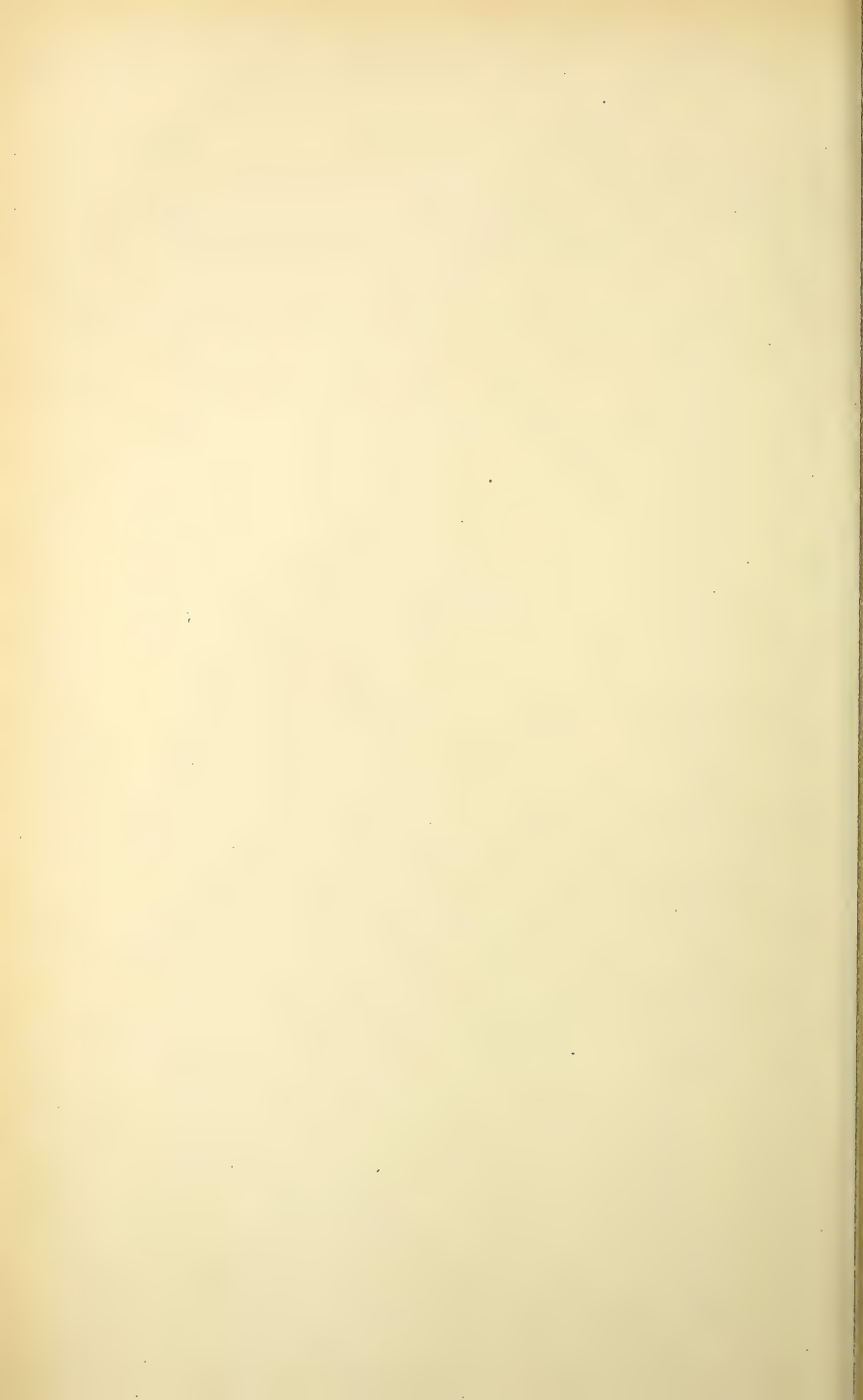
In 1869, July 1st, Grafton mission was detached from St. Ann's, and joined with Millbury was made a parish under the pastorship of Rev. M. J. Doherty, who attended Grafton about every Sunday during the four months he had charge of it. In the month of October, 1869, the mission of Grafton was finally made a parish, to which the small mission of Upton, formerly attended from Milford, was added. The present Catholic population of the parish, including Grafton and Upton, is about 1,200, equally divided between Irish and Canadians.

The first resident pastor, the present incumbent, Rev. A. M. Baret, D. D., was appointed November 10th, 1869, by Bishop Williams, of Boston, to whose diocese Grafton and Upton then belonged. When Springfield diocese was created (1870) from a portion of Boston diocese, Grafton became a parish of the former.

Rev. Dr. BARET is a native of France. After a brilliant course of studies in his own country he went to Rome to complete his theological course, and there he received his degree of Doctor of Divinity. There also he was ordained, being attended on the occasion by two classmates, his friends, Louis Creglia di San Stephano and Henry Howard, who are to-day cardinals of the Catholic church. After a few years of professorship Doctor Baret was called to Paris by Cardinal Morlot, archbishop of Paris, and appointed a curate at the Church of La Madeleine, the leading and most fashionable church of Paris. In 1859, he accepted the invitation of Bishop Bacon, of Portland, Me., to accompany him to this country as secretary and chancellor of his diocese. Leaving the brilliant future then before him, having just been appointed to a higher situation in Paris, he came to America. But soon after he decided to give up his missionary labors, and was about to return to his native land when the good and great John B. Fitzpatrick, bishop of

Boston, entreated him and prevailed upon him to stay with him in Boston. After the death of Bishop Fitzpatrick (1866) his successor, Bishop Williams, sent Dr. Baret to Grafton.

Father Baret is a scholar of great merit, and has probably one of the finest and most extensive libraries of any priest in this country. His library numbers some 5,000 of the most valuable theological, philosophical and historical works. He is a great student, and lives among his books, having very little to do in his mission.. And how it happened that he consented to be sent to Grafton, and is still kept there, is a mystery to his friends, who are legion, and shows his spirit of self-sacrifice and humility. It is a pity that a man of his great learning, fine talents and genial character, should not have been settled in a larger field.





# EDUCATIONAL

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## CHAPTER SIXTH.

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ONE of the most interesting and important chapters in the history of Grafton, is that which relates to the free schools of the town, some details of which will now be given.

This town, like most of New England, has ever regarded the education of youth as of primary importance. When it was laid out, a tract of land was set apart for the support of a school. This land was sold in 1783; and the proceeds formed a fund, which was held for that purpose. Before 1737, the school was kept in one place only, and that the centre of the town. During this year it was agreed to have it kept in five places; and for a number of years after there was but one schoolmaster, who moved about from place to place, shedding light and dispensing knowledge, according to the wants and convenience of all. The system of school districts was established in 1785; and its utility became

more apparent as the population increased, and the means of education enlarged. In 1739, the appropriation for the school was £40, old tenor. This, when compared with the appropriation of the present year,\* appears a small sum. But when we consider that all the expenses of the school, except for the services of the instructor, were paid by contribution, we shall see that even so small a sum as this would do much towards promoting a knowledge of "reading, writing and cyphering,"—almost the only branches of education that the wisest pedagogue of the day taught.

The first law, establishing public schools in America, was passed by the General Court of Massachusetts on the 27th of October, 1647. The following is a copy of the preamble:—

"It being one of the chief projects of Satan to keep men from the knowledge of the Scriptures, as in former times keeping them in unknown tongues, so in these latter times, by persuading from the use of tongues, that so at least the true sense and meaning of the original might be clouded and corrupted by false glosses of deceivers; to the end that learning may not be buried in the graves of our forefathers, in church and Commonwealth; the Lord assisting our endeavors:—

It is therefore ordered by this Court, and authority thereof, that every township within this jurisdiction, after the Lord hath increased them to the number of fifty householders, shall forthwith appoint one within their towns to teach all such children, as shall resort to him, to write and read, whose wages shall be paid either by the parents or masters of such children, or by the inhabitants in general, by way of supply, as the major part of those that order the prudentials of the town shall appoint; provided that those who send their children be not oppressed by paying much more than they can have them taught for in other towns."

This was the origin of the common school system, which has contributed so much to the prosperity and glory of New England, by rearing up a class of men fitted for all the active duties of life, not only within her own jurisdiction, but throughout the United States.

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\* \$6,800.

## YE SCHOOL LOT.

May 15, 1728-9.—\* Laid out for y<sup>e</sup> schoole lot in Hassanamisco, wh. contains twenty acres and is situated easterly from y<sup>e</sup> meeting-house lot, and bounded southerly by y<sup>e</sup> seventy-first lot, easterly by y<sup>e</sup> seventy-second lot, northerly by y<sup>e</sup> second part of y<sup>e</sup> ministers second upland lot, and westerly, partly by common and partly by the twenty-second lot. The four angle marks are stakes and stones. Y<sup>e</sup> north line is 65 rod; y<sup>e</sup> east, 53; y<sup>e</sup> south, 54 rod; and y<sup>e</sup> west line is 55 rod.

Surveyed by

JAMES KEYES.

Recorded Jan. 6, 1728.

March 18, 1729.—† The school-house shall be twenty-one feet long and sixteen feet wide, and seven feet between joynts. Zerubbable Eager and John Hunt were chosen a committee to lay out the grounds, and let the school-house to be built.

December 28, 1736.—‡ Voted to pay John Sherman, Phineas Rice, and the heirs of Samuel Biglo, deceased, the sum of twenty-eight pounds of money, or bills of credit, for building the school-house.

The following data was copied from the town records:—

1736.—Voted to have a schoolmaster, and the following persons were chosen a committee to procure one: Nathaniel Sherman, Charles Brigham, Captain Willard. Chose Nehemiah How, Capt. James Leland and Abner Stow, a committee to procure a schoolmaster for the year ensuing. Paid Nehemiah How four pounds, one shilling and eight pence for keeping school.

1737.—Voted to move the school into five places, and Nathaniel Sherman, Joseph Willard, Charles Brigham, Thomas Pratt and Phineas Hardy were chosen the committee to move the school. Voted to raise forty pounds for schooling.

1738.—Paid Samuel Cooper three pounds and four shillings for keeping school.

1739.—Paid James Whipple for keeping school.

1740.—Voted this year to have the school “in the middle of the middle of the town.” Voted to have a standing school kept in the school-house for six months. Voted in September, of this year, to have a moving school till the next of March.

The school-house was erected in 1731, and the proprietors with the other English families acted in concert in supporting the school. This building stood about where the dwell-

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\* Proprietors' Records. † Ibid. ‡ Ibid.

ing-house of Charles H. Leland now stands, near the Baptist meeting-house horse-sheds. There are several persons now living who began their education in it, and played at recess on the walls of the old pound, near by. About this time the settlement continued to increase, and marks of industry and civilization to become more apparent. This school-house was removed from the common about 1832, and was used by Mr. George Clapp as a carpenter's shop, and is now the woodshed of Mr. John Whitney. About this time a new building was erected on North street, near the residence of Mrs. Drake, and after being used for a number of years as a school-house was moved farther up the street on land owned by Rufus E. Warren, nearly opposite his residence, and used as a currier's shop. The present brick school-house was built a short time before the other was moved.

The first school-house in the Keith Hill district was erected on land where the present building now stands, as was the case in the George Hill and Merriam districts.

The first school-house in the Saundersville district was built on an eminence on the road leading to this village, near the residence of Benjamin Heywood, by a Mr. Cunningham, and was known by the sobriquet of "Science Hill." A few years ago the present school-house was built, and the old one was vacated.

The school-house at New England Village was first built on land opposite the residence of Jasper Putnam. This was vacated, and one built near the one now occupied.

The school-house on Brigham Hill was built on land owned by the Brigham family, between their residence and the house of Timothy Sherman. When Hon. William Brigham came into possession of the property, the school-house was moved to its present site, near the foot of the hill.

Prior to 1800, a school-house stood on the road to Far-numsville, about half-way between the houses of Perley

Goddard and Charles White. This building was built by persons who resided in the vicinity, for the purpose of having their children instructed in "reading, writing and cyphering." This building was subsequently removed to Farnumsville, on land nearly opposite the residence of Josiah Hall, to accommodate the scholars in that part of the district. When the brick school-house was built this was taken down.

Rev. Aaron Hutchinson, who was ordained pastor of the church here in 1750, not only united in himself the clergyman and farmer, after the common custom of his time, but combined with his clerical and agricultural pursuits the office of teacher. Well authenticated tradition has handed down to us the ingenious expedient by which he managed so to economize time as to meet his multifarious engagements. His method was to teach Latin and Greek, and probably other branches, as he wrought in the field,—his pupils being required to follow him as he followed the plough. His classical attainments and strong memory enabled him thus to cultivate mind and mould at the same time. Both soils, we doubt not, were well tilled, though we may innocently conjecture that the master at the plough-handle would now and then be guilty of an ungrammatical apocope, as the share was caught with frequent jerks among the roots and rocks of the rough new country. None but an accomplished linguist, we are sure, could under such circumstances, have administered Greek to the student, and English to the cattle, in due proportion and proper order, without confusion.

\* Samuel Hall, of Plainfield, in the State of Connecticut, is to keep school in the town of Grafton, in the winter season, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight.

In 1797, Nathan Jones, Jr., taught school for nine weeks and three days in the Merriam district.

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\* Joseph Bruce's old papers.



In 1804, Phineas Gleason, of Westborough, taught school in the Merriam district for nine weeks.

Mrs. Dea Joseph Merriam (Sally Leland) taught school in this town from 1806 to 1812, when she was married.

In 1819, the schoolmaster of the town was David Stone, a graduate of Union College, New York, who boarded with Josph Bruce. He afterwards went west and died there. He is said to have been an inveterate smoker.

Amos W. Stockwell taught school in the George Hill district in 1828, and was employed by Jonathan Brooks, the prudential committee, who managed the affairs of that district.

In 1851, Mr. Newell Wedge kept a select private school in Saundersville, through the liberality of Mr. Esek Saunders, who gave the use of his school-house for the purpose. The school had been previously and was subsequently kept in Wilkinsonville.

The school was composed of scholars from Sutton, Wilkinsonville and Saundersville. Miss Augusta M. Taft, Miss Emma McClellan and Mrs. Martha Webb were members of this school, who have distinguished themselves as teachers.

The school districts in the town of Grafton, are bounded as follows:—Beginning with the centre or school district No. 1, where the Central Manufacturing Company take the water from Perley Goddard's pond near to Perley Goddard's mill, being a bound of school district No. 7, and running in a direct line southerly to the cross in the Millbury and Cold Spring-brook roads a little southwesterly of the Rev. Otis Converse's house, thence southeasterly by Leland or No. 2 school district to the end of a wall on the east side of the road leading from the centre of Grafton to Peter Farnum's, being the division wall between Joseph Bruce and land of the late Joseph Whipple, deceased, and one of the bounds of the Farnum school district, or No. 6 district, thence easterly on said division wall by said No. 6 school

district to a brook a bound of No. 6 school district, and the Read or No. 5 to Upton between Joseph Bruce's and the late John Warren's land by school district No. 5, thence northeasterly in a direct line to a point thirty rods due north of Samuel Prentice's house, these two last lines by the Read or No. 5 school district, and is a bound of the Merriam or No. 8 school district, thence northerly in a direct line by the school district No. 8 to the northeast corner of Charles Aldrich's barn, a bound of school district No. 8, and a corner of the Farm school district or school district No. 4, thence westerly in a direct line by school district No. 4 to a ledge of rocks north of said Aldrich's dwelling-house in the road the top of said rocks has recently been blown off, thence westerly in a direct line by said district No. 4 to the bridge over the brook in the road a little north of the dwelling-house of the late Abner Temple, deceased, thence down the thread of said brook to the line of John Wheeler's land, and is the dividing line between the said Wheeler and said Temple, deceased, and is also a bound of the New England Village or No. 9 school district, thence southwesterly in a direct line by the school district No. 9 to a large rock on the land of Jonathan Wheeler, Esq., at the eastern edge of Perley Goddard's Mill Pond by what was once called the fordway westerly from Joseph Dispeau's dwelling-house, being a bound of No. 9 and the Brigham Hill or No. 7 school district, thence turning and running southerly by said district No. 7 in a direct line over a part of said pond to the bound first mentioned.

The Leland or No. 2 school district is bounded as follows :—Beginning at the corners of land of Joseph Bruce, and the late Joseph Whipple, deceased, on the easterly side of the County road leading from the centre of Grafton to Northbridge through the Farnum Village, and running by school district No. 1 in a direct line northwesterly to the cross of the Millbury and Cold Spring-brook roads a little southwesterly of the Rev. Otis Converse's dwelling-house,

thence by the school district No. 7 in a direct line westerly to a point on the line between the towns of Millbury and Grafton, thirty rods north of the road leading from Grafton to Millbury by Charles Daniels' house, thence southerly on the said town line and the line between Sutton and Grafton, crossing the Blackstone River and Canal to the southwest corner of Grafton, thence easterly on said Sutton line to the Blackstone River, thence on the threads of said river and the Little river by the Farnum or No. 6 school district northerly to the line between Joel Sibley and Samuel Leland's land at the corner of the district No. 6, thence easterly to the bound first mentioned.

The George Hill No. 3 school district is bounded as follows:—Beginning on the town's line between Grafton and Upton where the old county road leading from Upton to Sutton crosses the line, thence northwesterly by the Farnum or No. 6 school district in a direct line to a point thirty rods southeast of the house where Ebenezer Burril now lives, thence by school district No. 5 or the Read district in a direct line to the northeast corner of Royal Keith's land near Joseph Knox's dwelling-house, thence by said district northerly to a spring on the easterly side of the road leading from Joseph Prentice's to Jeremiah Flagg's on the line between Joseph Prentice and Jeremiah Flagg's land, thence southeasterly by the school district No. 8 to an old mill dam between Thaddeus Read's and Moses Rockwood's land, thence by said district in a direct line northeasterly to the forks of the roads leading from the late Jonathan Stow's dwelling-house to Jeremiah Flagg's and to Upton line, thence due east by said district to Upton line, thence on said town line southerly to the first mentioned bound.

The Farm or No. 4 school district is bounded as follows:—Beginning at the centre of the road leading from Grafton to Westborough near Russell Fay's, thence southwesterly by the Merriam or No. 8 school district in a direct line to the northeast corner of Charles Aldrich's barn, thence by

the school district No. 1 in a direct line northerly to a ledge of rocks in the road a few rods north of Charles Aldrich's house, a part of which has recently been blown off, thence by said district No. 1 westerly in a direct line to a bridge over the brook in the road north of the late Abner Temple's dwelling-house, thence by said district on the thread of said brook to the division line of land between the said Abner Temple and John Wheeler, thence by the school district No. 9 northerly in a direct line to the forks of the roads between Elijah Brooks' and Moses Adams', thence by said district northeasterly in a direct line to the town road east of Daniel Cutler's dwelling-house, thence on said road by said district to Shrewsbury line, thence by Shrewsbury and Westborough town lines to the said bound first mentioned.

The Read or No. 5 school district is bounded as follows :—Beginning thirty rods due north of Samuel Prentice's dwelling-house, thence by school district No. 1 in a direct line southwesterly to the southerly side of the County road leading from Grafton to Upton to a point between Joseph Bruce's and the late John Warren's land on said road, thence by said district southwesterly to where the brook crosses the line between land of Joseph Bruce and the late Joseph Whipple, thence by school district No. 6 southeasterly in a direct line to an old cellar formerly occupied by Isaac Newman, thence southerly on said school district No. 6 to a point thirty rods southeast of the house where Ebenezer Burril now lives, thence by the school district No. 3 in a direct line to the northeast corner of Royal Keith's land near Joseph Knox's house, thence northerly to a spring at the northwest corner of the school district No. 3, thence by school district No. 8 in a direct line to the bound first mentioned.

The school district No. 6 or Farnum's is bounded as follows :—Beginning at the corner of land of Joseph Bruce and the late Joseph Whipple, on the east side of the road leading from Grafton to Northbridge and running by the



school distret No. 1 in a direct line easterly to where the Bruce Brook crosses the line between Joseph Bruce and the late Joseph Whipple's land, thence southeasterly by the school district No. 5 to an old cellar formerly occupied by Isaac Newman, thence by said district No. 5 southerly in a direct line to a point thirty rods southeast of the house where Ebenezer Burril now lives, thence by school district No. 3 southerly in a direct line to Upton line, thence southerly and westerly on Upton and Northbridge town lines to the Blackstone River, thence northerly on the Blackstone and Little rivers by school district No. 2 to the line between Samuel Leland's and Joel Sibley's land, thence northeasterly in a direct line to the first mentioned bounds.

The Brigham Hill or No. 7 school district is bounded as follows :—Beginning at a large rock on Jonathan Wheeler's land at the edge of Perley Goddard's Mill Pond, a bound of district No. 1, and running in a direct line by school district No. 9, northwesterly to a stone bridge a few rods southwest of the late Col. Jonathan Wheeler's dwelling-house, thence northwesterly by district No. 9 to a heap of stones in a wall on the east side of the road leading from Joshua Harrington to the New England Village, so-called, and was the southeast corner bound of Moses Adams' pasture and also the ancient bound of the Flint Farm so-called, known as the great white oak tree, thence by district No. 9 due west to Millbury town line, thence southerly on the said town line to a point thirty rods northerly of the road leading from Grafton to Millbury being northwest corner of school district No. 2, thence easterly by district No. 2 in a direct line to the cross of the Cold Spring-brook and Millbury roads a little southwest of the Rev. Otis Converse's dwelling-house, thence northerly by school district No. 1 in a direct line to where the Central Manufacturing Company takes the water from Perley Goddard's Mill Pond near the said Goddard's mill, thence by said district No. 1 in a direct line to the bounds first mentioned.



The school district No. 8 or the Merriam district is bounded as follows :—Beginning where the County road from Grafton to Westborough crosses the town line between Antipas Fay's and Russel Fay's, thence by the Farm or school district No. 4 to the northeast corner of Charles Aldrich's barn, thence in a direct line by school district No. 1 to a point thirty rods due north of Samuel Prentice's dwelling-house, thence by school district No. 5, southerly to a spring at the northeast corner of the said school district No. 5 and the northwest corner of the school district No. 3, thence by school district No. 3 to the Upton town line, thence northerly on the Upton and Westborough town lines to the first mentioned bounds.

The New England Village or No. 9 school district is bounded as follows :—Beginning at a large rock on Jonathan Wheeler's land at the edge of Perley Goddard's Mill Pond, a bound of districts No. 1 and No. 7, and running northwesterly to school district No. 7 in a direct line to a stone bridge a few rods southwesterly of the late Col. Jonathan Wheeler's dwelling-house, thence northwesterly to a heap of stones in a wall on the east side of the road leading from Joshua Harrington's to the New England Village and was the southeast corner bound of Moses Adams' pasture, and also the ancient bound of the Flint farm, so-called, thence by district No. 7 due west to Millbury town line, thence northerly by Millbury town line, the Gore and eastern edge of Flint's Pond, so-called, to the Shrewsbury town line, thence easterly by the Shrewsbury town line by several angles to the town road leading from Daniel Cutler's to Shrewsbury, and the corner of the school district No. 4, thence by said town road and district No. 4, thence southwesterly in a direct line by district No. 4 to the fork of the road between Elijah Brooks and Moses Adams southerly to the County road by Daniel Cutler's, thence southwesterly in a direct line to where the division line between Jonathan Wheeler and the late Abner Temple crosses a brook and a

bound of No. 1 school district, thence in a southerly direction by school district No. 1 to the first mentioned bound.

CHARLES BRIGHAM, JR.  
MOSES ROBERTS.  
CYRUS LELAND.  
EPH'M GOULDING.  
JOSHUA W. LELAND.  
LUKE LELAND.  
THADDEUS READ.  
OTIS ADAMS.  
SAMUEL WOOD,

*Committee chosen to define the limits of the  
several School Districts in Grafton.*

In 1844 the school in the Centre was divided in the summer into three departments, and into four during the winter. During the summer term, of eight weeks, the schools progressed well under excellent teachers. The committee refer to the school in the third department as a model school. The winter term in this district was shorter than the summer, being only seven weeks long. A new and commodious room was fitted up for the additional department, in the east end of the house, on the first floor.

At Leland district the scholars, during the summer term, made considerable advancement. The committee refer to the school-house here as follows: "In taking leave of this school, the committee wish they could likewise take a final leave of the old school house. They hope they do not wound the antiquarian sensitiveness of any, or disturb the pleasing associations of any one's childhood, by venturing the suggestion, that they do not consider this school-house as either ornamental or convenient. There was a painful feeling of insecurity as they traversed the room, lest some of the yielding boards beneath their feet should prove treacherous, and launch them suddenly into 'unexplored regions,' or lest some projecting fragment of board should prove a snare to their feet, and tripping them up, involve them in a mortifying embarrassment. It is verily a place in

which it behoves all to take heed to their ways. The sympathies of your committee were strongly moved also for the scholars, many of whom, they perceived, were unable to *sit down* at all; the seats being so high that they could only *sit up*—or, more appropriately, *hang* themselves up. They beg leave to inquire if this mode of suspension is found to be a decided improvement on the old custom of down sitting, and whether it is extensively practised in the dwelling-houses in that district. The only object in the room which seemed to be comfortably seated was the stove, which rested upon a huge rock in the centre. Its seat was certainly wider than those intended for the scholars, a little *lower*, and perhaps no *harder*. The door was unique. The panels were variegated, and such, that in case any accident should render the removal of one necessary, the nearest wood-pile or door-yard would certainly supply a suitable substitute. The committee would not recommend the district to be at any expense to improve the ventilation of the house; first, because the ventilation is perfect now (the only perfection they have the pleasure to mention); and secondly, because they think *annihilation* better than ventilation. They very much fear that the educational structures, reared *within* such a house, may resemble the house itself. The committee understand that the district intend to erect a more comely and commodious building, but that they are delaying on account of the difficulty of determining where it shall stand. We deferentially submit the query, whether delay will make the difficulty any less?" In the Farm district the school showed the effects of past misfortunes. The evils of an unfit teacher do not cease with his own term of instruction. At the Keith Hill district the school was creditable to the teacher. The school at Farnumsville was divided, both terms, into two departments. In the younger school a change of teachers took place without the knowledge or consent of the committee. They advise that the law, authorizing a town treasurer to pay a school-teacher's wages only when he or

she files with him a certificate of qualification from the committee, be enforced. The teachers in the Brigham Hill district were faithful. The school at Merriam district was neither decidedly bad, nor wonderfully good. The only fault found was that it had not more character. The schools at New England Village did not quite come up to the expectations of the committee. The infant school was obliged to vacate their own room during the winter term on account of its unfitness. The school in the Saundersville district was very good, during both terms.

In 1859, the committee report: "The Centre should have a new house this season. Select an acre of land, a good acre—it is not too much—in a dry place, if it can be found, if not, drain it thoroughly; fence it; put the building on the side farthest from the street—no school-house should be on a busy street, it is not safe—if there are four departments, have, if possible, as many entrances; make the rooms high and ventilate them; place in them the modern cherry-wood seats on iron supports; surround the walls with blackboards of generous dimensions, and especially have out-buildings which will not be a disgrace to civilized society. All these and more you can give your children, and they will repay you tenfold for them. They have done their studying now several years in a house sadly behind the times; during recesses, and intermission at noon, they have been turned out into the dirty, muddy street to play, to be frightened and run over by horses and carriages. And your committee think it would be poor economy, poor morality and meagre justice, to allow this state of things to remain. Meanwhile, we would say to the children, be patient as you have been; treat the old house with that tender respect which is always due to sad infirmities and tottering decrepitude. Your parents, when they can agree on the location, and can see clearly what is needed, will make up, it is hoped, for all delays. Again, we say, it is time to have a new school-house in the Centre." The teachers employed at the Centre



were: Miss Jane E. Warren, Miss M. L. Hewett, Miss A. E. Flagg, Miss C. Harrington; four excellent teachers. Miss S. E. Batchelder was employed as teacher in Leland district, and the change for the better in the deportment of the scholars was noticeable. The George Hill school was under the tutorship of Miss L. R. Smith. At the Farms district, Miss A. M. Pratt taught in the summer, and Mr. H. H. Merriam in the winter. At Keith Hill, Miss S. R. Hammond taught in the summer, and Miss Jane L. Case in the winter. The school at Farnumsville was, in the summer, under Miss L. M. Pratt and Miss R. Thayer; in the winter, Mr. J. M. Hammond and Miss R. Thayer. At Brigham Hill, Miss R. L. French taught in the summer, and Mr. P. Goddard in the winter. The Merriam district school was taught in the summer by Miss M. S. Warren, and in the winter by Mr. S. N. Rogers. The teachers at New England Village were Misses A. C. Redding, A. E. Mills and S. E. Pinkham; at Saundersville, Miss S. J. Brown; at Waterville, Misses M. I. H. Allen and E. L. Allen.

In 1862, the chairman of the school committee, Capt. W. F. Wheeler, a gentleman who felt a deep interest in the education of the young, and who was himself a successful teacher, feeling that the country, in that hour of peril, had a claim upon his services, gave up his employment as a teacher, resigned his place as member of the school committee, and went forth to defend those rights which were so dear to every loyal heart. Rev. William Miller was appointed to fill his place on the board. The committee reported of the school in the Centre: "Many schools have done well, but this, if it has not excelled them all, stands in the front rank. Seldom do we find a school of so high an order as this." Miss Case had the hearty thanks of the committee for the faithful manner in which she has discharged her duties. Miss Mary L. Hewett had the superintendence of the second department through the year. Miss H. maintained her rank as one of our best teachers. She



was accurate in her drill, earnest in her efforts, efficient in her government, and devoted to her work. Miss Katie Harrington had the charge of the third department through the year. Miss H. was an experienced teacher. The many little ones of the fourth department were committed during the year to the care of Miss L. E. French. The Leland district school was through the year under the management of Miss Adelia Drury. At George Hill, the summer school was taught by Miss Mary H. Coggin; the school in the winter term was under the instruction of Mr. T. Dwight Biscoe. The summer term of the school at the Farms was taught by Miss S. J. Axtell; Miss Mary L. Lewis taught the fall and winter terms. When Miss L. entered upon her labors, at the commencement of the fall term, she found the school "demoralized."

Miss Addie Tidd was the instructor of the Keith Hill school through the year. There has nothing occurred to interrupt the harmonious relation between teacher and pupils. The teacher labored earnestly and faithfully. She had tact, an easy method of communicating instruction; loved her work; and, by her persuasive manners, exerted a good influence over her pupils. The summer and fall terms of the first department of the Farnumsville school were taught by Miss Caroline L. Nichols. She was a good teacher, and well adapted to her work. Miss M. Clark was the teacher of the second department, summer and fall terms; the winter term was taught by Miss Caroline L. Nichols.

Miss Caroline Ayres had the charge of the Brigham Hill school through the summer and fall terms, and Miss Lucy B. Gilbert during the winter. During the summer and fall the school, though a backward one, made good improvement. At Merriam district Miss Ellen J. Goodell was the teacher. With her few scholars Miss G. did quite well. Progress was apparent. The first department of the New England Village school was in faithful hands—Miss J. E. Warren—an able, experienced teacher. The order of this

school was most excellent. No whispering was allowed or practised. Quietness and studiousness were the order of the day. The school made steady progress from term to term, for each day accomplished something; each week much. Second department, Miss F. L. Howland and Miss Helen Harlow were the teachers. This was regarded as a difficult school, and through the year fully sustained its character. The third department: This company of little ones was intrusted to the care of Miss Abbie Mory. As a skillful officer, she secured order and respect. Miss Carrie S. White, to whom the Saundersville school was intrusted, was a good teacher. She was not afraid of work, of hard work. The Waterville school was, through the year, under the superintendence of Miss M. I. H. Allen.

In 1864, in the Centre District, an efficient corps of teachers labored successfully during the year. Much hard work was performed, and good progress made, especially in the first department, over which Miss Jane E. Warren had charge.

Miss M. L. Hewett had charge of the second department, and she succeeded well; the scholars were accurately taught, and made good progress.

Miss Katie Harrington and Miss Addie Tidd were the teachers in the third and fourth departments. Their rooms were crowded with scholars; the first having sixty, between the ages of seven and ten; and the second over eighty, all under eight years of age. In the Leland District, Miss Emma A. Howe taught in the summer, it being her first experience as a teacher. The school was very small, averaging but eight. The results were fair, all that could be expected under the circumstances.

In the fall and winter terms, Miss Carrie S. White had charge of the school, and exhibited so much tact in instructing and governing the scholars as to gain their good-will and hearty co-operation. The George Hill school was under the care of Miss Amelia White through the year. The

closing examination of the summer terms gave evidence that she had succeeded well in the instruction and government of her scholars.

Of the school at the Farms, the summer term was taught by Miss M. I. H. Allen. In the fall term Miss M. E. Knowlton taught for the first four weeks, when a lurking insanity developed itself and she was obliged to give up her school. The term was finished by Miss Allen.

The winter term was taught by Miss A. C. McCrillis, and gave satisfaction to the committee and to the people of the district. Miss Loresta French taught the Keith Hill school in summer, fall and winter. It was smaller than last year. The people of the district have, also, done themselves credit by repairing, at a cost of \$160, the school-house. The new seats, the clean walls, and other improvements add greatly to the attractiveness and convenience of the building.

In the summer and fall terms of the Farnumsville school, Miss C. L. Nichols had charge of the first department and Miss F. I. Wood of the second. They were prosperous schools.

In the winter Miss Wood taught successfully in the small school, and Mrs. S. A. Spalter in the large. As Miss Nichols, who had taught this school so long and so well, was unable, on account of sickness, to teach, the district was fortunate in securing the services of so experienced and thorough a teacher as Mrs. Spalter. The school at Brigham Hill was under the care of Miss A. C. McCrillis during the summer and fall terms. Good order prevailed, and fair improvement was made. The winter school, in charge of Mr. Perley Goddard, made commendable progress. Mr. Goddard taught the school several winter terms previously, and always with good success. "But the school can never be what it ought to be, until it has a greatly improved house. It much needs the refining influence which a liberal expenditure of money in repairs and improvements, in and around the school-house, would impart." Miss C. A. Wood had

charge of the Meriam District school during the year, and a decided improvement was made in the school by her labors. She drilled her scholars well. Of the school at New England Village, the first department in the summer was under the instruction of Mrs. H. A. Copp. The improvement was quite satisfactory. The scholars were animated and recited with promptness and accuracy. Miss A. E. Hawes taught the school in the fall and succeeded well. In the winter Miss L. A. Eaton taught for a few weeks, when on account of her health failing, she resigned, and was succeeded by Mrs. R. Thayer, who completed the term. The second department in the summer was in charge of Miss A. F. Morey, whose affectionate manner and energetic administration made the school a decided success. Miss M. A. Lewis taught and governed the school, in a very satisfactory manner, in the fall and winter terms. The third department was under the care of Miss M. S. Goodrich through the year. And her patient, cheerful temper, her interest in the little ones committed to her care, and her ability to train them in singing made the school pleasant and useful to the scholars. The Saundersville school was under the care of Miss Emma C. McClellan through the year. She had prosperous terms in the summer and fall. In the winter the school was large, and difficult to manage on account of its numbers.

In the fall the school was so large that twenty-three of the smaller scholars were taken out and placed under the care of Miss Augusta Taft, who succeeded very well with her little charge. The teacher of the Waterville school in the summer and fall was Miss L. E. Balcom, who labored with earnestness and a good degree of success. Mrs. H. A. Copp taught the winter term of this school. She was an experienced and successful teacher.

In 1865 the first department of the school in the Centre was under the charge of Miss Jane E. Warren during the year. Miss Mary L. Hewett had the care of the second



department during the year. She discharged her duties with diligence. The scholars, at the several visitations of the committee, appeared orderly and attentive to their books, and engaged with interest in their recitations; and at the closing examination gave evidence that they had made good progress in their studies.

Miss Katie Harrington had charge of the third department for the year, and well sustained her previous good reputation as a teacher. Her willing and patient labors were well seconded by her numerous little flock.

The fourth department was taught by Miss Addie Tidd, in the summer and fall terms. She was kind and gentle, patient and winning in her ways, as it is highly desirable every teacher should be who has charge of three score little ones. The result of her labor was a well trained and successful school. This department, for the short winter term of six weeks, was committed to Miss Loresta French.

The school at Leland District was under the care of Miss Susie M. Champney through the year; that at George Hill under the care of Miss Emma McClellan, and the fall term under the charge of Emily Eames. In the summer and fall the school in the Farms District was taught by Miss A. C. McCrillis, and the winter term by the same lady under the name of Mrs. H. A. Wesson. Miss Fannie M. Daniels taught the summer term in the Keith Hill District. Of the fall term Miss Carrie E. A. Knowlton had charge; a teacher of some experience, and gave good satisfaction. The services of Miss Nelson were secured for the winter term. She was well acquainted with a teacher's duties, and had taught this school before. Her success was satisfactory. Farnumsville District, in the first department the summer and fall terms were taught by Mrs. L. A. Spalter; a thorough teacher and a good disciplinarian. The summer term was broken up near its close by sickness in the district. Therefore there was no examination. The winter term was taught by Miss Annie E. Heath. The school, under her care, fully



sustained the position which it had attained under the former teacher. The second department in the summer and fall, was under the care of Miss Maria A. Spalter. The winter term was taught by Miss Emma Bellows. Being a new teacher and quite young, the committee did not expect to find a perfect school. At Brigham Hill, Miss L. M. Bellows was teacher through the year. The committee hope, for the credit of the district, that the dilapidated, worn-out structure, will be displaced by a far better one. The school at Merriam District was taught in the summer by Loresta French, fall by Miss Alice Wood, and winter by Jane Case. The first department of the New England Village school was in charge of Miss C. Wood, who after teaching acceptably a few weeks, was obliged, owing to the failure of her health, to give up the school. She was succeeded by Miss E. W. Lowell, who apparently did all for the school that any one could do in the short time it was under her care. Miss Lowell also had charge of the school in the fall, and by the dignity of her manner, the thoroughness of her teachings, and the strictness of her discipline, she gave evidence to the committee that she was the right teacher in the right place. The winter term of this school was, at the opening, under the charge of Miss E. L. Biscoe, but her health, which was much impaired when she commenced, became so poor that she was obliged, after a few days, to resign her place. Mr. Henry Merriam was obtained to succeed her, and as the result of his faithful teaching and efficient discipline, the school was carried to a successful close. In the second department Miss Carrie S. White, well known as a faithful, animated teacher, had charge of the school in the summer and fall terms, and, under her care, the scholars made good progress, both in their studies and their general behavior. Miss C. L. Nichols, also well known as a successful teacher, had charge of the school in the winter. The third department was under the care, through the year, of Miss S. M. Goodrich, of whom it is enough to

say, that, in respect to good order, animation and progressiveness, she made this almost a model school for little children. The school in the Saundersville District was under the instruction of Miss Augusta Taft during the three terms of the year. The committee would award much commendation to the teacher for her devoted faithfulness to the interests of the children committed to her care. The Waterville District school was fortunate in employing through the year the services of so intelligent, experienced, conscientious and laborious a teacher as Mrs. H. A. Copp. Under her wise management and thorough training the school attained a high degree of excellence. During the year the preliminary steps were taken in district No. 2, to remove the venerable house from "the hill of science" to some more accessible location, rejuvenate and enlarge it.

In 1866, at the Centre District, the schools were taught by the same teachers through the year: The first department by Miss Emina C. McClellan, the second by Miss M. L. Hewett, the third by Miss Katie Harrington, and the fourth by Miss Loresta E. French. Miss Harrington and Miss Hewett have taught so long and so well among us, that any words of ours in commendation of their schools would seem superfluous. The school of Miss French was pleasant, cheerful and orderly. In Miss McClellan's department there was not wanting proof that the pupils had been carefully and faithfully taught in the principles of good reading, correct spelling and neat penmanship.

The teacher at Leland District, Miss Irene A. Fay, considering that this was her first school, did remarkably well; all parties, so far as we know, were satisfied with her school.

The school at George Hill, through the summer and fall terms, was in charge of Miss Emily Eames; Mrs. Kate Weld taught the school in the winter.

Miss Mary K. Oliver had charge of the school at the "Farms," and the fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Jennie P. Fisk. The school made good progress through the year.

At Keith Hill, the summer and fall terms were under the charge of Miss Harriet D. Nelson ; in the winter term, Miss Nellie A. Perry taught the school.

In the first department of the Farnumsville school, Miss Frances Beane taught the summer and fall terms. The school was not kept during the winter term. The second department was under the care of Miss Emma F. Bellows through the year. And there seemed to be a pleasant relation existing between the teacher and her pupils, and a creditable degree of improvement.

At the Brigham Hill District, Miss Ellen Whitney occupied the position of teacher in this school through the year. Her manner in the school was very quiet and mild—too much so. She needed more energy, and more independence of her books, to make her an effective and successful teacher.

At the Merriam District, in the summer term, the school was taught by Miss J. L. Case ; in the fall by Miss N. A. Hayward ; in the winter by Miss Irene A. Fay. These teachers labored diligently for the improvement of their scholars, and with a good degree of success, especially in the summer and fall terms.

The several schools of the New England Village District were under the care of the same teachers through the year. The first department was in charge of Miss Jane E. Warren, of whose ability as a teacher we have expressed ourselves in the reports of previous years. Great praise was due to the teacher for her labors in behalf of the scholars. Not only did she instruct them in the usual branches of school study, but also in politeness and good manners. Miss L. M. Bellows was the teacher in the second department. She had some experience, and was a good disciplinarian. Her school was orderly, and the examination at the close of the summer and fall terms showed that it had made good improvement. The third department was under the charge of Miss S. M. Goodrich, who, as in former years, labored faithfully

and successfully for the welfare of her scholars; and the promptness with which they performed their various exercises was very commendable to both teacher and pupils. This we consider among the very best of our primary schools.

The school at Saundersville was fortunate in again securing the services of Miss Augusta Taft. She had charge of the school through the year. It was large during the summer and fall, averaging fifty-five pupils; and the committee would award to the teacher great credit for her fidelity to her numerous charge. Good order, promptness and accuracy in their recitations, characterized the pupils through the year. In the winter, through the liberality of Mr. E. Saunders in warming an extra room, the school was divided into two departments, Miss Taft continuing in the first, which she carried through successfully, and Mrs. M. J. Webb taking charge of the second or primary department. Mrs. W. was eminently successful with her little school.

Mrs. H. A. Copp, who had taught the Waterville school the previous year with so much success, was again secured for the past year. A good school was expected; and the expectations were realized.

The committee, in their report on the condition of the school-houses in the Second and Eighth districts, say: "It is high time, we believe, for the people in these districts either to apply to these buildings the axe of the destructionist or the skill of the reconstructionist for the purpose of displacing them by better ones, or of rendering them more convenient, comfortable and attractive than they are at present. Perhaps the description which a certain poet gives of his old school-house will not, in all its particulars, apply to these; but we never enter them without thinking of that ancient edifice of which he says:—

'A high desk ranged around the room, with many a penknife hacked;  
The windows rattled with the wind, their panes were out or cracked;  
The benches, made of saw-mill slabs, with auger holes and pegs,



Had neither backs to lean against, nor place to rest the legs;  
The dingy ceiling overhead, looked like a little sky,  
For there, as thick as shining stars, stuck paper pallets dry;  
No maps or globes to meet the eye, no blackboard on the wall;  
The house, a relic one might think, had stood since Adam's fall.'

But the work of improvement is going on. Since our last report was made the people in district No. 2 have done a noble thing in expending several hundred dollars in improvements on their school-house. It is now a neat, pleasant, convenient structure."

In 1867, at the Centre, Miss Jane E. Warren had charge of the first department; Miss N. M. Fernald took charge of this department in the winter. Miss M. L. Hewett had charge of the second, Miss Katie Harrington the third, and Miss Clara Putnam the fourth.

At Leland District, the school was under the care of Miss N. M. Whitney, during the summer term; in the fall, Miss E. C. McClellan had charge of it. She also commenced the winter term, but, owing to sickness, she was obliged to resign her position at the end of the second week, and Miss L. A. Searles taught during the remainder of the term. A better school-house, a larger number of scholars, and as a consequence, more enthusiasm on the part of both teachers and pupils, have made this a far better school than it was a few years ago.

At George Hill District, Miss S. J. Leonard was the teacher of the school through the year; and considering that it was her first attempt at teaching, and that she labored under the disadvantage of beginning in her own district, she succeeded very well. The closing examination was quite satisfactory to all who were present.

At the Farm District, the school was taught through the year by Miss J. H. Allen, a teacher of much experience. She had taught this school for a number of terms before, and the committee found at the close that she had lost none of her vigor and efficiency as a teacher.



At Keith Hill District, Miss E. S. Leland was the teacher of the school in summer, fall and winter. The school was larger than usual, averaging thirty-four.

At Farnumsville, in the first department, Miss C. L. Nichols, who had taught the school successfully for many terms, had charge of it in the summer and fall terms, and discharged her duties to the satisfaction of all parties. Miss L. E. French was the teacher in the winter term, fully sustaining the interest, and giving proof of her fidelity to the pupils committed to her care. The second department, composed largely of children of foreign parentage, was under the care of Miss A. B. Wheeler, and was a very good school.

At Brigham Hill, the summer term of the school was taught by Miss Mary Adams. Miss Mary T. Coburn taught this school in the fall term. Under her faithful and judicious care the scholars made good progress. The winter term was under the charge of Miss Emma F. Bellows. She graduated from the State Normal School.

At Merriam District, the school-house was remodeled and much improved during the year. A marked improvement in the school itself has been the agreeable and natural result. The school was taught through the year by Miss N. A. Hayward, whose faithful, earnest and successful efforts to elevate its character have been appreciated by the parents and the committee.

At New England Village; the schools in the three departments in this district have sustained their good reputation, especially the Primary School, taught by Miss S. M. Goodrich. On account of the illness of Miss L. M. Bellows—teacher of the second department, who was compelled to resign in the third week of the fall term—Mrs. R. A. Thayer taught her school the remainder of the year. Both of these teachers discharged their duties conscientiously and well, and the school, notwithstanding the interruption, was a success. The first department was taught in the spring

term by Miss M. N. Walker, and in the fall and winter by Miss N. M. Fernald. These teachers were experienced, capable and well qualified for their work.

At Saundersville and Waterville the same teachers were employed as last year.

In 1868, the schools in the Centre were all under the same teachers as in the previous year.

The summer term of the Leland District school was taught by Miss Emma McClellan, with her usual ability and success. Miss Mattie N. Allen taught the fall term. This was her first effort at teaching. The winter term was taken charge of by Mr. Perley Goddard, the prudential committee. Good progress was made in study.

The George Hill District school was taught both in the summer and fall by Miss Irene Fay, with a good degree of vigor and success. Miss Nellie M. Fernald had charge of this school in the winter. The general appearance of her school was good.

Miss Abbie M. White had charge of the Farm District school for the year. Miss White was energetic and apt as a teacher, and interested in her work. The school-room was always found neat and cheerful; the scholars prompt and thorough.

Miss E. S. Leland, the teacher of last year, continued to have charge of the school in the Keith Hill District.

Miss Loresta French taught the first department of the Farnumsville District school, in the summer and fall, and Miss Emma Bellows the second. The winter term of the first department was taught by Mr. Charles Searles, and the second by Miss Mattie N. Allen.

Miss E. L. Dwyer had charge of the Brigham Hill District school.

Miss Sarah Leonard was teacher in the Merriam District in the summer, and Miss E. F. Golding in the fall. They were very fair schools. Miss N. A. Hayward taught the winter term with her usual ability and success. On account of the

sickness of the teacher the school closed without an examination.

The Waterville school was taught by Miss R. A. Lawrence, a very efficient teacher.

The schools at Saundersville were under the same teachers as last year. Miss N. M. Fernald had charge of the first department of the New England District school in the summer and fall. She labored hard and faithfully for the best interests of the school. Miss L. Young had charge of this school in the winter. She was an active and energetic teacher, and the improved condition of the school clearly demonstrated her ability to teach and govern.

The second department was taught in the summer by Miss S. A. Russell. On account of sickness she was compelled to resign a few weeks before the close of the term, so that the school was of but little profit. But the very successful manner in which Mrs. R. A. Thayer conducted the fall and winter terms made ample amends for this loss.

The third department was taught in the summer by Miss S. Goodrich; in the fall by Miss E. Rockwood, and in the winter by Miss M. A. Gavren.

In the committee's report for the year was the following:—

“In regard to our public schools; after careful thought and somewhat extensive observation, we are prepared to earnestly recommend the abolishing of our present district system, and the placing of all our schools under the more immediate care of the town; with such changes in school buildings, agents, officers, and other incidentals as are necessary to carry this into effect. By so doing, we not only retain our annual state appropriation—otherwise no longer ours—but, as we believe, greatly augment the working force, the interest and success of our schools.”

In 1869, repairs were made upon the school buildings and out-houses on Keith and George Hills, at Farnumsville, Waterville, and on the High School-house, including the fence and yard, at an expense of \$2,500. In the latter there was a new floor laid; the students' desks raised;

a furnace substituted for the stove ; the entire school-room renovated ; the old and shaky fence replaced by a new and strong one ; the well made useful ; the out-buildings and grounds put into a decent and attractive condition. Throughout the town the teachers' desks in each school-room have been furnished with the text-books used therein, at an expense of eighty dollars and twenty-eight cents, with call bells, clock where needed, and every black-board reslated.

Of the schools in the Centre the first department was under the charge of Miss E. McClellan ; the second under Miss M. L. Hewett ; the third under Miss C. Putnam ; and the fourth under Miss M. N. Allen and Miss L. French ; all excellent teachers. Of the New England Village schools, the first department was taught by Miss A. E. Rockwood and Miss M. J. Metcalf. In the second department every term furnished a new teacher. The several sessions were taught by Miss E. McClellan, Miss E. F. Spaulding, and Mrs. R. A. Thayer. The past efficiency of the last teacher in this school was a pledge of success for the winter, and needed no additional commendation. The third department was in charge of Miss E. Daniels for the whole year. It being her first experience in teaching.

At Saundersville in the first department Miss A. Taft taught. The thoroughness and critical training of this school was very commendable.

In the second department Mrs. M. J. Webb kept the school for the year, holding it well in hand, and calling out the increasing ambition of her little flock. In the first department of the Farnumsville school each term supplied a new teacher, as follows :—Miss A. White, Miss E. F. Bellows, and Mrs. L. Spalter. In the second department there were also three teachers, viz. :—Miss E. F. Bellows, Miss E. Aldrich and Miss E. F. Spaulding. At the Leland District Mrs. S. E. Aldrich had charge for the year.

Miss E. Dwyer taught the school at Brigham Hill through-



out the year. The attendance was small. Other schools may offer more attractions to the teacher, but none will furnish larger opportunity for educational tact.

The summer term of the school at Waterville was taught by Miss J. H. Allen with her former efficiency and success. Mrs. Copp had charge of the fall and winter sessions. She was an energetic and thorough teacher, maintaining good discipline, and keeping up a full attendance. The closing examination was saddened by the accidental drowning of one of the scholars.

Sickness interrupted the attendance, and therefore advancement, of the Merriam District school. Towards the close of the year the school was almost broken up by the measles, which, with the sickness of the teacher, prevented the closing examination. Miss M. Whitney taught this school through the year.

The "Farms" school this year did well. Orderly deportment, steady advance, and a good degree of enthusiasm were its main features. This department of the public schools was under the charge of Mrs. Henry Wesson for the entire year.

For the first two-thirds of the year Miss Irene Fay taught the George Hill school, and the committee regretted that sickness at home prevented her continuing in the school-room for the remainder of the time. Miss M. N. Allen had charge during the winter. One scholar was expelled for insubordination.

The summer and fall terms of the Keith Hill school were taught by Miss E. Keith, the winter by Miss H. E. Horn. "There would seem to be a little disproportion of the defiant in boy-nature in the allotment to this department, which infelicity has been a check in the advance that the school might otherwise have made. The expelling of one scholar, and the general efficiency maintained during the latter portion of the year, are bringing the school into a more orderly, quiet, and prosperous state."



In 1870, by the increased appropriation, the schools were extended to thirty-four weeks, instead of twenty-nine. The teachers employed were as follows :—

CENTRE DISTRICT.—*First Department*.—Spring Term, Miss E. C. McClellan; Fall Term, Miss E. A. Kendall; Winter Term, Mrs. A. F. Chandler. *Second Department*.—Spring Term, Miss M. L. Hewitt; Fall Term, Miss H. E. Horn; Winter Term, Miss Caroline Hewitt. *Third Department*.—Miss C. M. Putnam, for the year. *Fourth Department*.—Miss L. French, for the year. NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT.—*First Department*.—Spring Term, Miss A. E. Rockwood; Fall Term, Miss Harrington, and Miss M. I. H. Allen, for the remainder of the year. *Second Department*.—Miss Lucia Young, for the year. *Third Department*.—Miss E. Daniels, for the year. SAUNDERSVILLE.—*First Department*.—Spring Term, Miss A. F. Taft; Fall Term, Miss Taft; Winter Term, Miss E. L. Pickering and Miss A. F. Taft. *Second Department*.—Mrs. M. J. Webb, for the year. FARNUMSVILLE.—*First Department*.—Spring Term, Miss E. A. Kendall; Fall Term, Mrs. L. A. Špalter; Winter Term, Miss M. L. Warren. *Second Department*.—Miss E. F. Bellows, for the year. BRIGHAM HILL.—Spring Term, Miss M. L. Allen; Fall Term, Miss Ella Sawyer; Winter Term, Miss I. F. Taylor. WATERVILLE.—Mrs. H. A. Copp, for the year. FARMS.—Miss M. E. Mason, for the year. MERRIAM.—Spring Term, Miss L. J. Young; Fall Term, Miss Young; Winter Term, Miss S. J. Leonard. GEORGE HILL.—Spring Term, Miss I. A. Fay; Miss M. N. Allen, for the rest of the year. KEITH HILL.—Spring Term, Miss H. E. Horn; Fall Term, Miss E. L. Pickering; Winter Term, Miss A. B. Smith and Miss J. G. Norton. HIGH SCHOOL.—Mr. Eoward Malley, Principal; Miss J. E. Warren, Assistant.

“The varied success with which these teachers have prosecuted their work, has depended largely upon the nature of their particular field of labor, as well as the tact and talent with which they were endowed. No fact is more apparent than that all the good qualities for successful teaching are seldom combined in one individual. Hence, the partial or total failures of any are not, necessarily, a just cause of disparagement, providing there has been carried into the work a conscientious purpose, and an honest application of studies. Some suggestions that promise a still wider usefulness for the High School were made in the last report which have been in part carried out, and it is hoped will be completed ere long. The change then proposed was to be made with no additional expense for teaching; accordingly it will be noticed that in the appropriation usually asked for the High School alone, we have embraced the Grammar school also; and as the reasons for the organization of this department were discussed in the report of 1869-70, the above reference to the fact is sufficient. The truth is, your committee are thus persist-

ent, because, in common with every other citizen they confess to a little local pride in being able to say to our youth, as they are passing their last days of study, 'you shall have at home every opportunity for a thorough, practical, academic training, such as any other town equal in its thrift, progressive spirit and population can offer.'

The school in Leland District was discontinued at the commencement of the year and the property disposed of at public sale. This step was deemed advisable, as most of the scholars could be equally well accommodated at Saundersville and much could be saved in expense. The few who are incommoded can readily see that it is one of those cases where generous sacrifice is promotive of the public good.

Your committee would respectfully recommend to the town, the raising of the same sum for schools this year as last; the appropriation usually given to the High School to be used for the High and Grammar schools. Also that money be raised for the purpose of erecting a suitable school-building at Farnumsville, and if it be thought practicable this year, for Waterville also. These two districts are sadly in need of school accommodations. The town should also take into consideration an item of expense, which we trust will not be large, for putting the upper room of the High School building in condition for a Grammar school."

In 1871, the following was the list of teachers:—

HIGH SCHOOL.—Spring Term, Mr. Edward Malley, Principal; Miss J. E. Warren, Assistant; Fall and Winter Terms, Mr. Henry Tatlock, Principal; Miss H. P. Dennis, Assistant for 3 3-5 weeks of the fall, and the whole of the winter term. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Fall and Winter Terms, Miss J. E. Warren, Principal. CENTRE.—*1st Department*.—Spring, Miss M. E. Whiting and Miss C. J. Marshall; Fall and Winter, Miss L. D. Stockwell. *2nd Department*.—Spring, Miss C. Hewitt; Fall, Miss A. White part of the term, and Miss J. Putnam the remainder; Winter, Miss J. Putnam. *3rd Department*.—Spring, Fall and part of Winter, Miss C. Putnam, remainder of Winter, Miss E. McClellan. *4th Department*.—Miss L. French, the entire year. NEW ENGLAND.—*1st Department*.—Spring, Miss J. M. Allen; Fall and part of Winter, Miss M. F. Park; remainder of Winter, Miss J. M. Allen. *2nd Department*.—Spring and Fall, Miss Lucia Young; Winter, Miss Lucy M. Bradish. *3rd Department*.—Miss Ella G. Daniels, the entire year. SAUNDERSVILLE.—*1st Department*.—Miss A. F. Taft, for the year. *2nd Department*.—Mrs. M. J. Webb, for the year. FARNUMSVILLE.—*1st Department*.—Spring, Miss I. A. Fay; Fall and Winter, Miss A. M. Spalter. *2nd Department*.—Miss E. W. Bailey for the year. KEITH HILL.—Spring, first week, Miss J. G. Norton, remainder, Miss K. C. Fuller; Fall, Miss I. A. Fay; Winter, Miss J. G. Norton. GEORGE HILL.—Spring, Miss M. N. Allen; Fall, Miss H. A. Little; Winter, Miss N. Covell. MERRIAM.—Miss L. J.

Young, for the year. FARMS.—Miss M. A. Mason, for the year. WATERVILLE.—Spring and Fall, Mrs. H. A. Copp; Winter, Miss A. J. Spurr. BRIGHAM HILL.—Spring, Miss J. O. Bowers, part of the term, and Miss J. Dennis, the remainder; Fall, Miss J. Dennis; Winter, Miss A. G. Dwyer.

“It is very gratifying to your committee to report at last from a Grammar school, now well established and efficiently trained. Nearly two years since, the town authorized the School Board to make the alterations needful for fitting up the hall over the High School for this purpose. The way was not open, however, for carrying out this vote, until last August, when the armory was removed, and the work of alteration commenced. The refitting and furnishing of the room itself for school purposes, as well as the alterations that were necessary to conform to the general plan in the front of the building, were all done under the supervision of your committee, who were greatly indebted to the judgment and good taste of Mr. Reuben Taft for one of the most convenient and attractive school-rooms in the town. As to the school itself, its success has already placed it beyond an experiment, and its quickening influence is a stimulus throughout the town. The closing exercises of the winter term evidenced the effect of hard work and patient drill, the only sure conditions of success. The good order, the general air of neatness, and the manifest attachment of pupil to teacher were not otherwise than we should have expected towards one who has taught so long and well. The attendance, particularly for the winter term, is very commendable; but four tardy marks are recorded during that term, and thirteen are reported for the same time as neither absent or tardy. The course of study in this school embraces two years. At the close of the next fall term, it is expected that the advanced class of about twenty will be prepared to enter the first year of the High School.”

In 1872, the teachers were as follows:—

HIGH SCHOOL.—Mr. Henry Tatlock, Principal; Assistants, Misses N. Maria Fernald, L. M. Dodge and J. E. Putnam. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—

Miss J. E. Warren. CENTRE DISTRICT.—*1st Department*.—Spring and Fall, Miss Abbie Morse; Winter, Miss Abbie F. Eastman. *2nd Department*.—Spring, Miss J. E. Putnam; Fall, Miss E. L. Dwyer; Winter, Miss E. G. Searle. *3rd Department*.—Spring, Miss E. L. Dwyer; Fall, Miss E. G. Searle; Winter, Miss E. S. Billings. *4th Department*.—Miss L. E. French, the entire year. NEW ENGLAND.—*1st Department*.—Spring, Miss M. H. Allen; Fall, Miss Abbie F. Eastman; Winter, Miss M. H. Allen. *2nd Department*.—Miss Lucia Young, entire year. *3rd Department*.—Miss L. J. Young, entire year. SAUNDERSVILLE.—*1st Department*.—Miss A. F. Taft, the year. *2nd Department*.—Spring, Mrs. M. J. Webb; Fall, Miss C. I. Powers; Winter, Miss E. W. Bailey. FARNUMSVILLE.—*1st Department*.—Miss A. M. Spalter, the year. *2nd Department*.—Spring and Fall, Miss E. W. Bailey; Winter, Miss E. F. Farnum. KEITH HILL.—Miss Jane R. Albee, the year. GEORGE HILL.—Spring and Fall, Miss N. A. Coville; Winter, Misses C. M. Crocker and F. C. Carpenter. MERRIAM.—Miss M. N. Allen, the year. FARMS.—Spring, Miss M. E. Mason; Fall, Miss E. F. Farnum; Winter, Miss I. F. Boyden. WATERVILLE.—Spring and Fall, Mrs. H. A. Copp; Winter, Misses Marion Benedict and L. N. Taft. BRIGHAM HILL.—Spring, Miss A. G. Dwyer; Fall, Miss M. E. Mason; Winter, Miss N. A. Coville.

“The schools in Farnumsville are to be congratulated in at last getting into neat and convenient school-rooms. The new house was opened for occupancy at the beginning of the fall term. The same teacher has been retained for the first department through the year. The winter term was not so successful as the spring and fall, owing to interruptions the first few weeks by reason of insufficient heating apparatus. This difficulty was remedied as soon as circumstances would permit. One scholar was suspended for willful insubordination; and yet there has been a marked uplifting of this school during the year, and the pupils, with reason, have the utmost confidence in their teacher. The first two terms in the lower grade exhibited the growing tact of the teacher who has had the school nearly two years in charge. The children have become ambitious and sprightly in study and recitation. We regretted that a more difficult school necessitated the temporary transfer of this teacher. Her successor labored under the same disadvantages at first—of a cold room—as in the other department.



The number was diminished as a consequence. With larger experience, this teacher will take good rank with her associates in the educational work."

In 1873, the teachers were as follows:—

HIGH SCHOOL.—Principal, Spring Term, Mr. Henry Tatlock; Fall, Mr. Wm. T. Souther; Winter, Mr. Chas. L. Clay; Assistant, Miss J. E. Putnam, for the year. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Miss J. E. Warren. CENTRE DISTRICT.—*1st Department*.—Spring, Miss Abbie F. Eastman and Mrs. M. L. Wheeler; Fall and Winter, Miss E. G. Searle. *2nd Department*.—Spring, Miss E. G. Searle; Fall and Winter, Miss E. S. Billings. *3rd Department*.—Spring, Miss E. S. Billings; Fall, Miss L. J. Packard; Winter, Miss F. C. Carpenter. *4th Department*.—Spring and Fall, Miss L. E. French; Winter, Miss M. E. Mason. NEW ENGLAND.—*1st Department*.—Miss M. H. Allen. *2d Department*.—Spring and Fall, Miss Lucia Young; Winter, Miss Nellie H. Greene. *3rd Department*.—Miss L. J. Young; and Assistant for Winter, Miss Ida S. Wheelock. SAUNDERSVILLE.—*1st Department*.—Miss Augusta F. Taft. *2nd Department*.—Miss Isadore Haskell. FARNUMSVILLE.—*1st Department*.—Spring and Fall, Miss A. M. Spalter; Winter, Miss M. E. Fowler. *2nd Department*.—Mrs. George F. Ford. KEITH HILL.—Miss C. M. Crocker. GEORGE HILL.—Spring and Fall, Miss F. C. Carpenter; Winter, Miss Isabel Haskell. MERRIAM.—Spring, Miss M. N. Allen; Fall and Winter, Miss Josephine A. Dennis. FARMS.—Miss E. F. Farnham. WATERTVILLE.—Spring and Fall, Mrs. H. A. Copp; Winter, Miss E. H. Whittemore. BRIGHAM HILL.—Spring, Miss L. J. Packard; Fall and Winter, Miss M. N. Allen.

These teachers have been employed at prices averaging per week,—for High School, principal, \$34.37; assistant, \$12; Grammar school, \$12; Common schools, \$8.93. The sudden death of Miss Katie E. Baldwin, during the second week of the present term, was a great sorrow to the High School. She was a prominent member of the graduating class, and had ever been esteemed for her conscientious diligence in study, and the highly moral tone of her daily life.

"The amount now annually raised and expended for the support of our schools is about \$1,500 more than it was five years ago. This fact, at first sight, suggests the inquiry, why may not our terms be proportionally prolonged? The answer is found in the increased demand for wages in almost



every department of labor, and especially in that of teaching. Five years ago the salaries of our best High School teachers for country villages ranged at \$1,000 and under. The average paid our female teachers of common schools, \$7.25 per week. We are now obliged to increase fifty per cent. on the pay of the former, and twenty-three per cent. on the pay of the latter. In addition to this there is an increased demand for the care of school-houses, and the fuel consumed in them. With this increase in the expense, which, in the pay of teachers alone is \$1,300, we have been able to continue the same number of common schools but two weeks longer than they were kept five years ago,—the length in 1868 and 1869 being twenty-nine weeks. But setting aside these figures, no thoughtful citizen will fail to see that progress in matters of common school education must necessitate a constantly increasing amount of expenditure. We ought to have not less than thirty-three weeks per year for our common schools, under deserving and well-paid teachers. Education is costing us considerably less than most towns in the Commonwealth. We raise \$7.04 per scholar. There are 247 towns, out of the 342 in the State, that raise more. In 1870, there were but 221 in advance of us. Others have advanced within this time faster than we. In our own county, Northbridge raises ninety cents more per scholar than Grafton; Millbury \$1.22 more; Uxbridge \$1.97; Leicester \$4.02; and Worcester \$5.53. The annual cost of educating a High School scholar in Worcester, as per last report, is \$60.17. In the common schools the cost is \$20.57. With us the High School costs \$40 per scholar, and the common schools less than \$8. We cannot, of course, compete with cities, nor indeed with those towns where factory children are not so numerous, whose parents do little toward meeting the expenses of education. But the comparison with towns similarly situated, shows that many do more with no larger valuation. The efforts of your committee in looking up factory children and keeping them in

school eleven weeks in the year, have been attended with encouraging success, though not without some difficulties. There has been an increase last year of eighty-five, spring term; sixty-seven, fall term; and sixty-four, winter term. Manufacturers have heartily co-operated with us, and the only hinderance now to thorough work is that which arises from the coming and going of families from towns where the law is not enforced. The State Constable has collected three separate fines of \$50 each, for non-compliance with the school law, one of which was contested in the Supreme Court. With the exception of New England Village, all the school-houses are now in good repair, and with rooms adequate to present demands. A new and commodious house has been completed at Waterville, and occupied during the winter term. We congratulate that school in being able, after long waiting, to reach so comfortable and convenient quarters."

In 1874, the teachers were as follows:—

HIGH SCHOOL.—Mr. C. L. Clay. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Miss Jane M. Warren. CENTRE.—*First Department*.—Miss Edith G. Searle, first and second terms; Miss Lottie L. Cory, third term. *Second Department*.—Miss Mary A. Brown. *Third Department*.—Miss Fannie C. Carpenter, first and second terms; Miss Eliza B. Richardson, third term. *Fourth Department*.—Miss M. E. Mason. NEW ENGLAND VILLAGE.—*First Department*.—Miss Emma F. Pierce, first term; Miss Ella M. Williams, second term; Miss Marion I. H. Allen, third term. *Second Department*.—Miss Emma S. Billings, first term; Miss Emma F. Pierce, second term. *Third Department*.—Miss L. Jennie Young. *Fourth Department*.—Miss Ida S. Wheelock. SAUNDERSVILLE.—*First Department*.—Miss Augusta F. Taft. *Second Department*.—Miss Isadora Haskell. FARNUMSVILLE.—*First Department*.—Miss M. L. Fowler. *Second Department*.—Mrs. G. F. Ford and Mrs. Nellie Davis. GEORGE HILL.—Miss Isabelle Haskell. KETH HILL.—Miss Clara M. Crocker. MERRIAM'S.—Miss Ella M. Browne, first term; Miss Ann G. Dwyer, second and third terms. FARMS DISTRICT.—Miss Nellie M. Longley, spring; Miss I. Belle Taylor, fall and winter. WATERVILLE.—Miss Ella F. Farnum. BRIGHAM HILL.—Miss Margaret N. Allen.

"There has been general quiet in the schools throughout the year, and less complaints made to the committee than usual. No school has been closed on account of inefficiency of the teacher; in a majority of

the schools the same teacher has been retained through the year. The winter term has been broken in upon by sickness to a considerable extent.

The yearly examination of the High School took place in March, and the first class was graduated; the exercises were held in the Town Hall. This was the first fruit of our graded system of schools. The school the coming year will be able to take the course of study prescribed.

Drawing has been taught in the High and Grammar schools by Miss A. M. Spalter. Your committee improved the opportunity of securing the services of Miss Spalter to instruct our teachers in drawing, thus preparing the way for the general introduction of drawing in our common schools. This was done at the expense of the teachers. As a result we find that in most of the schools, the lessons received by the teachers have been taught to the scholars with gratifying success.

The second term of the New England Village school was opened in the new and commodious school-house, built during the summer. The teacher had many excellent ideas of teaching, and a pleasing manner of imparting instruction; we would especially commend the improvement in reading made by the first class. But the term as a whole, was not as successful as we desired, owing to a lack of efficient discipline at the beginning of the term. The teacher was unable to retrieve lost ground, though improving towards the close. The winter term, under a teacher with whom order is a cardinal principle, was much more successful, and the examination was satisfactory to both committee and the large number of friends present.

With the completion of the school-house the schools are now occupying comfortable quarters, with the exception of those in the Centre, on account of the crowded condition of these schools, and the want of any adequate system of ventilation."

The committee appointed the following men as truant officers:—Mr. James Gleason, at the Centre, Mr. J. H. Thomas, at New England Village, and Mr. W. S. Fullerton, at Saundersville, and fixed their compensation at three dollars per day, while in service.

In 1875, the teachers were as follows:—

HIGH SCHOOL.—Mr. C. L. Clay, Principal. Miss Julia E. Putnam, Assistant. Number of scholars for the year, 51. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Miss J. E. Warren. Number of scholars, 52. *First Department*.—Miss E. B. Richardson, Miss Ella F. Farnum, Miss Carrie Hewett. Number of scholars, 44, 43, 50. *Second Department*.—Ella F. Carpenter. Number of scholars, 51, 51, 49. *Third Department*.—Ella M. Brown, Lucia A. Wiley. Number of scholars, 50, 50, 57. *Fourth Department*.—Miss M. E. Mason. Number of scholars, 56, 46, 56. *Sub-Primary*.—Miss

Carrie Hewett. Number of scholars, 44. NEW ENGLAND VILLAGE.—*First Department*.—M. I. H. Allen, Bella Kingsbury, Lizzie S. White. Number of scholars, 24, 42, 40. *Second Department*.—Miss L. Jennie Young. Number of scholars, 36, 38, 39. *Third Department*.—Miss Ida S. Wheelock. Number of scholars, 40, 35, 29. SAUNDERSVILLE.—*First Department*.—Miss Augusta F. Taft. Number of scholars, 35, 30, 39. *Second Department*.—Miss Isadora Haskell. Number of scholars, 52, 56, 49. FARNUMSVILLE.—*First Department*.—Miss Ella F. Farnum, Miss Ida A. Maynard. Number of scholars, 24, 35, 36. *Second Department*.—Miss Estelle S. Rogers, Mrs. Nellie L. Davis. Number of scholars, 50, 59, 60. WATERVILLE.—Annie E. Dwyer. Number of scholars, 35, 48, 45. FARMS DISTRICT.—Lizzie E. Bartlett. Number of scholars, 24, 25, 27. GEORGE HILL.—Miss Isabelle Haskell. Number of scholars, 22, 28, 19. KEITH HILL.—Miss Clara M. Crocker, Miss Ruth Ella Johnson. Number of scholars, 29, 36, 30. MERRIAM DISTRICT.—Miss M. Agnes Dalrymple. Number of scholars, 17, 19, 21. BRIGHAM HILL.—Miss Martie N. Allen, Miss Hattie R. Jewett. Number of scholars, 18, 24, 21.

“Considering the crowded state of the room in which the sub-primary school was kept, and the extemporaneous furnishing, the drill of this little band of infantry was very creditable to their leader; she seemed possessed of an aptness to teach things ‘both new and old,’ such as all children need to know and are interested in knowing. It was thought best to limit the confinement of the children to the school-room to four hours a day, believing this to be more satisfactory to parents, and for the best interest of the school.”

In compliance with the statute of 1874, the committee, in the month of May, took the census of such children as the law recognized as scholars, and found the number to be, of boys 468, girls 463; making a total of 931. The committee closed their report with the following:—

“A great saving of fuel has been realized by substituting a new furnace for the old, at the High School building; and the unhealthy air is removed by improved ventilation. Some other improvements have been made, at slight expense, to accommodate the rooms to the need of the scholars.

The iron tube chimney at Farnumsville has been removed, and a substantial one of brick constructed. While materially strengthening the centre of the building, we have completely remedied the obstruction to the draught by this change, and economized fuel and labor.

The buildings at Brigham Hill and Merriam Districts have been thoroughly painted, the underpinning of the latter repaired, and the culvert near the front rebuilt, and so secured that scholars can occupy



their playground without danger; some complaint having heretofore been made that they trespassed upon the neighboring fields, for which there is no longer an excuse.

The new school-house at New England Village will need painting the coming season; and the brick building at the Centre is fast approaching that dissatisfied condition where the query arises,—What shall be done? Your committee hardly feel justified in making alterations or extensive repairs, as, without addition, it will no longer accommodate the scholars. We recommend that a committee be chosen to make investigation in reference to further school accommodations in this district. In view of the fact that a fifth school must hereafter be maintained, and the further facts that the brick building is too much straitened in its halls and stairways for the proper supervision of two hundred children at recess, and the main entrance, which is far too small, is constantly exposed to the northwest blasts, we find strong reasons for the above-named measure, and trust that such committee will be chosen to report at the April meeting.

In conclusion, we ask for our schools the continued interest and aid of the intelligent voters of the town; trusting that we shall not, by any mistake, go back upon an honorable record, but, by a generous policy, lay the best of all foundations for future prosperity in the education of the young."

In 1876 the teachers were as follows:—

HIGH SCHOOL.—Mr. Edmund P. Barker, Principal. Miss Julia E. Putnam, Assistant. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Miss Jane E. Warren. CENTRE DISTRICT.—Miss Viola G. Roys. Miss Carrie Hewett taught the first department the first term, and was succeeded by Miss Viola G. Roys, who continued the remainder of the year. *Second Department*.—Miss Ella F. Carpenter. *Third Department*.—Mrs. Annie E. Elliott. *Fourth Department*.—Miss M. E. Mason. *Sub-Primary*.—Miss Agnes M. Dalrymple. NEW ENGLAND VILLAGE.—*First Department*.—Miss Julia L. Hopkins, Mr. Henry W. Brown. *Second and Third Departments*.—Miss L. Jennie Young, Miss Ida S. Wheelock. SAUNDERSVILLE.—Miss Augusta F. Taft. *Second Department*.—Miss Isadore Haskell. FARNUMSVILLE.—Miss Nellie F. Reed. *Second Department*.—Mrs. Nellie F. Davis. GEORGE HILL.—Miss Emma J. Forbush. KEITH HILL.—Miss Ella R. Johnson. BRIGHAM HILL.—Miss M. Etta Brown. WATERSVILLE.—Miss Isabella Haskell, Miss Hattie R. Jewett. FARMS.—Miss Lizzie E. Bartlett. MERRIAM.—Miss M. Etta Brown, Miss Isabella Haskell.

"The census of last May shows a marked decrease from the previous year in the number of children in town ranked as scholars. This is to be attributed to depression in the manufacturing interests, and a consequent removal of many families from the villages. The decrease has not, however, enabled the committee to reduce the number of schools. In reviewing the results of the year, the committee find satisfaction in



the belief that our teachers, for the most part, have realized their responsibilities, and aimed to discharge them. In some instances their labor has been attended with constant trial and anxiety, and they have felt more keenly than some of the parents, the failure to enlist the interest of their children. Indifference and neglect in a few families in a district often doubles the task of a teacher, and lessens more than one-half the value of the school. Results, as a whole, have met our expectations, but not our desires. The detriment experienced from the shortening of the terms was anticipated, not only by your committee, but by all citizens who have made school interests a study. It is well known that our best educators have fixed upon forty weeks of the year as the period during which pupils can be profitably engaged in study. The *law* fixes the minimum of its requirements at twenty-four weeks.

School buildings have been painted at New England Village and Keith Hill, and the former supplied with lightning-rods. A porch has also been put up at the front entrance of the brick house at the Centre, which proves a great saving of fuel and increase of comfort. Next year new stoves must be furnished in each room of this building, as the old ones are entirely worn out and unsafe. This is not so much to be regretted, as they have for a long time failed to warm the building without consuming an extravagant quantity of coal. It is to be regretted that a building requiring accommodations for so many scholars should have so limited space for its out-buildings, and a location inclined to dampness a large portion of the year."

In 1877, the teachers were:—

HIGH SCHOOL.—Mr. Albert Warren, Principal. Miss Julia E. Putnam, Assistant. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Miss Jane E. Warren. CENTRE.—Miss Viola G. Roys; *2nd Department*.—Miss Emma E. Taft and Mrs. Annie Elliott. *3rd Department*.—Miss Hattie R. Jewett. *4th Department*.—Miss M. E. Mason. *The Sub-Primary*.—Miss Agnes M. Dalrymple. THE SAUNDERSVILLE SCHOOLS.—*1st Department*.—Miss Augusta F. Taft. *2nd Department*.—Miss Isadore Haskell. NEW ENGLAND VILLAGE SCHOOLS.—*1st Department*.—Miss Augusta C. White, *2nd and 3rd Departments*.—Miss L. Jennie Young and Miss Ida S. Wheelock. WATERTOWN.—Miss M. I. H. Allen and Mr. Frederick R. Burton. FARMS.—Mr. F. R. Burton and Mr. John C. Worcester. MERRIAM.—Miss Maggie C. Lynch. KEITH HILL.—Miss Isabella Haskell. GEORGE HILL.—Miss Emma J. Forbush. BRIGHAM HILL.—Miss M. Etta Brown and Miss Ruth Ella Johnson. FARNUMSVILLE SCHOOLS.—*1st Department*.—Miss Nellie F. Reed and Miss R. E. Johnson. *2nd Department*.—Mrs. Nellie F. Davis.

"The census of last May shows a decrease, as compared with the two previous years, in the number of children of school age, but this is

to be accounted for on the ground of the dullness and suspension of trade for a time in three of the manufacturing districts. The following figures state that the whole number of children in May, 1876, between five and fifteen years of age, was 842; and in 1877 the number was 783. In looking over our schools, and the work accomplished for the year ending this date, that while we have no room to boast, yet at the same time we can safely congratulate ourselves, with the exception of two or three instances in those schools where some children were foolishly sustained by the mistaken kindness of their too credulous parents, that sufficient good has been done to merit the continued confidence of an intelligent community. The old stoves were sold, and realized the price of old iron. As to the second item, twenty-eight new seats were put into the New England Village school, as the old ones were found to be too small, and otherwise unfit for use. In relation to Saundersville, it will be sufficient to state that the proximity of the water-closets to the main body of the school-house endangered the health of the teachers and pupils by the constant emission of noxious odors, at war with the laws of sanitary reform. Before the final examinations, the committee requested the teachers not to prepare any special order of exercises, other than those of their daily tasks, in order to find out the exact standing of each school, all of which the teachers punctually attended to, and in this way there was no chance for brass to pass current for gold, nor boldness to carry off the palm due to modest and retiring worth.

We cannot close this report without adverting to the unhealthy surroundings of the brick school-house, and without advising the town, if not now, yet at some time not far distant, of the propriety of erecting a new building suitable for the wants of the scholars, and free from those unhealthy exhalations that are common to its present site."

The census taken during the month of May, 1878, shows a slight increase over the past year in the number of children of school age, and is as follows:—For May, 1877, between five and fifteen years of age, 783; and for the year ending May, 1878, the whole number was 789; being an increase of six over the previous year.

The following teachers were employed for the year 1878:—

HIGH SCHOOL.—Mr. A. Warren, Principal, whole year. J. E. Putnam, Assistant, whole year. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—J. E. Warren, Principal, whole year. CENTRE COMMON SCHOOLS.—1st Department.—V. G. Roys and M. E. Sykes, during the Spring term; and M. E. Sykes the rest of

the year. *2nd Department*.—H. R. Jewett, whole year. *3rd Department*.—I. Haskell, whole year. *4th Department*.—M. E. Mason, whole year. *5th Department*.—A. M. Dalrymple, whole year. NEW ENGLAND VILLAGE SCHOOLS.—*1st Department*.—A. E. Cutting and C. E. Wood, the former during the Spring term and near the close of the Fall term; the latter the rest of the year. *2nd Department*.—L. J. Young, Spring term; A. C. White, Fall and Winter terms. *3rd Department*.—I. S. Wheelock, Spring term; and C. E. Smith, rest of the year. Another department has been opened, and will be known in the next year's report as the *second department*, and this school, since its opening, has been taught by L. J. Young. WATERVILLE SCHOOL, during the first four weeks of the Spring term, was under the instruction of L. Chapin. KEITH HILL.—M. E. Chase, whole year. GEORGE HILL.—E. J. Forbush, Spring term and part of the Fall term; and R. E. Johnson the rest of the year. BRIGHAM HILL.—S. L. Odiam, whole year. FARMS.—L. M. Rice, whole year. MERRIAM.—M. C. Lynch, whole year. SAUNDERSVILLE SCHOOLS.—*1st Department*.—A. F. Taft, whole year. *2nd Department*.—I. Haskell, whole year. FARNUMSVILLE SCHOOLS.—*1st Department*.—F. Smythe, the first four weeks of the Spring term; and A. C. White during rest of term; and C. A. Goodwin the remainder of the year. *2nd Department*.—F. A. Putnam, whole year.

The condition and present standing of the above schools are about the same as last year; if anything, better.

The Teachers' Association held its first meeting in 1877, at the house of D. W. Norcross, Esq. Papers were read by Mr. Barker, master of the High School, on "The Manner of the Teacher in the School-room"; by Rev. A. J. Bates, chairman of the town school committee, on the "Needs of the Common Schools of Grafton." These papers were suggestive, practical and timely, and called out an animated exchange of views. The general exercises were enlivened with singing by Mrs. Elliott, and a choice entertainment furnished by Mrs. Norcross. At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was passed to host and hostess for their generous hospitality, and an adjournment for four weeks. Out of the twenty-one teachers in the town eighteen were present.

### High School.

The school report of 1839 says:—"The subject of most anxious deliberation, and of the greatest practical difficulty,

which has occupied the committee, Rev. John Jennings, chairman, during the year, has been the organization of the High School. It is unfortunate that this undertaking, which, it is to be remembered, was not optional on the part of the town, but was absolutely required of it, under a penalty, by the statute of the Commonwealth, should have begun with the opposition of a considerable minority." There was no suitable place in town for holding such a school; each village wanted it, and as usual it became a "bone of contention," almost before it had an existence. It was finally located in the basement of the Evangelical Congregational Church, in the Centre, and when that place could no longer be had, a room was leased in the "Arcade" and "furnished with a stove and seats for forty scholars." Who should be admitted to this school was a great problem, difficult to solve, but all applicants for admission were summoned to appear before the committee for examination, "at the tavern." Seven passed the first day, and two the second. The school began with fourteen pupils, only four of whom were living in 1876. The school continued thirty weeks; whole number, forty-seven; average, twenty-five. The report says of it: "This school was kept by Luther Hunter, Jr., and its appearance at the examination was very gratifying. To say it was all that could have been desired is more than often falls to the lot of a committee to say of any school." The committee did not exceed the appropriation, \$450, or even use it all, \$314.12; the balance, \$135.88, was all the town required for the next year, when Mr. Hunter taught thirteen weeks. In 1841, the "minority" had grown into a majority; the report of the committee, Otis Adams, chairman, shows the spirit of the "opposition." The High School had been discontinued for "want of an appropriation." The State Board, with its able and devoted secretary, Horace Mann, and through its Normal School, was trying to give Massachusetts better schools, but Grafton wanted no "teachers made to order"; its youths should not



be corrupted, or even "imbued with the motives, views and crotchets of that central power" (Board of Education). Of course a High School could not live in such a rank growth of weeds and tares, and it was not until after some private culture by Mr. Hunter, Elias White, and Alanson Wedge, who taught in the vestry, in what is now Samuel Flagg's house, and in the "Arcade," that a second attempt was made to plant a High School. In 1849, \$500 extra were appropriated to be divided and used as follows:—" \$75 in the Centre, in Farnum's, in New England Village; \$37.50 in each of the other districts." Teachers were to be employed with qualifications requisite "to teach history of the United States, surveying, geometry and algebra." Either the teachers did not give satisfactory instruction in "surveying," or a "tidal wave" of economy struck the town, for the usual appropriation of \$2,000 was cut down to \$1,800 the next year, with no extra for "higher branches." In this same year (1849) the High School Association was formed, and the Academy—the present High School building—was erected and finished in 1850. Whenever there was a public High School at the Centre, the town rented this building until 1867, when it bought it. At other times private schools were maintained in it. For the next five years a small sum was appropriated annually "for High School purposes," to be expended in the three main villages. T. R. Harrington, "a teacher of multiplied communications," will be remembered at Farnumsville; Newell Wedge at New England, "a good teacher, though one not *pained* when he fell upon a slovenly exercise as some men would be," also Alfred P. Gage; at the Centre (Alanson G. Wedge, Academy), L. E. Shepard, Stephen E. Seymour, (C. P. Frost, Academy), and Dana J. Jocelyn, were the teachers. In 1856, the school was *rotary*. The term at the Centre was taught by George Mason, assisted by Miss Kate F. Leland; at Farnumsville, by R. B. Hatch; at New England, by W. F. Wheeler. The folly of a school on wheels was seen after



a year's trial, and the next year, 1857, \$800 were appropriated "to expend where the general school committee saw fit." As far as is known advanced schools were held in the three villages in the winter, C. G. G. Paine teaching at the Centre. In 1858, an unsuccessful attempt was made to divide the appropriation, \$600, and a regular High School was taught at the Centre by D. B. Hubbard, an excellent and thorough teacher, and Miss E. L. Biscoe; both remained through the four following years. An advance school was supported one term at Farnumsville, C. W. Palmer, teacher, and at New England, taught by H. J. Crippen.

In 1859, the new method of choosing the committee for long terms was adopted, and Rev. O. Crane was chosen for three years, and Rev. T. C. Biscoe for two years. The report for this year says of the High School: "This has not been a favorite child with the town, but rather an unwelcome guest, to be tolerated as short a time as possible; and yet some have wished to entertain it around the town, and get as much out of it as possible. The relation has been that of a step-mother who would not cherish and foster the child. Yet it has grown into form and comeliness of late, we judge, as the friends and foes have decided to let it have an abiding place and home.

We hope it will now be owned and loved and cared for as a veritable and worthy child. \* \* \* One thousand dollars have been raised for its support the present year, and to the surprise and credit of all, there was no murmuring; which indicated a reconciliation and acquiescence on the part of the people. The Grafton High School is an established institution."

But the struggle for existence was not yet over; the "reconciliation" was only a calm that precedes a storm; for at the March meeting of 1862, men with plenty of money, but having no children to educate, so far forgot their duty to their town as to vote "to abolish the High School." However, after "the reading of the Statutes," and from a

wholesome fear of the law, the vote was reconsidered, and \$800 were appropriated for the school. C. G. G. Paine an "earnest, efficient and faithful teacher," assisted by Miss Mary Paine, taught the spring term. In the fall, H. L. Reed, "an experienced, faithful and thorough teacher," was engaged. Mr. Reed remained until the spring term of 1869. Miss E. L. Biscoe was assistant. During these years the school was very prosperous and generously supported by the town. The report of 1865, says, "There never was a time before probably when so many were anxious to secure the needed qualifications to gain admission to the High School."

In 1867, the town bought the Academy building, paying \$3,500 for it. The summer term of 1868, was taught by C. W. Gray and Miss J. E. Warren. In the fall, Edward Malley came, who was an efficient teacher, and one kindly remembered by his pupils. Mr. Malley and Miss Warren remained until the end of the spring term, 1871. In this year the Grammar school was made a separate department, and the upper room of the High School building was fitted up for it; Miss Warren, teacher. From this time the town has made an appropriation for the High and Grammar School combined.

Henry Tatlock was the next Principal; an excellent scholar, an enthusiastic, competent teacher. Miss H. P. Dennis, Miss N. Maria Fernald, Miss L. M. Dodge and Miss J. E. Putnam, followed each other as assistants during the two years and a term of Mr. Tatlock's stay. In 1872, the committee devised and put in operation a systematic curriculum. During the next year through Mr. Tatlock's efforts \$600 were subscribed by the citizens; this sum, with \$300 generously voted by the town, was expended for the chemical and philosophical apparatus, skeleton, heliotellus, maps, globes, etc. It was during this year also that the curriculum allowing "no optional studies during the first year" was

revised, the present courses of study adopted, and the first catalogue published.

At the close of the school year the first pupil completing the new course of study, Miss Anna Pierce, was graduated, and received a diploma.

The fall term of 1873, was taught by W. T. Souther and Miss Julia E. Putnam.

A new Principal, Charles L. Clay, took charge of the school January 2, 1874, who with Miss Putnam as Assistant, conducted it to 1876. Through the efforts of the Principal, one of Miller's school pianos was purchased; the sum paid for it, \$315, was raised mainly through entertainments given by the school.

There were six graduates in 1874, one of whom, Alice Wing, entered Vassar College, and another Williams College, and two are teachers. Six graduated in 1875, two entered Williams College, and three are engaged in teaching. In 1876, the Principal, C. L. Clay, after holding the position for a period of two years, with commendable success in his work, sent in his resignation, which was accepted, and E. P. Barker, a graduate of Amherst, was employed in his place. Mr. Barker at once entered upon his work, without friction in management, and "showed skill in organization as well as tact in securing ambition for study." The teaching was thorough in all the branches. The assistant remained faithful in her work.

The school sent a sample of the work of each class to the Centennial Exposition.

During the end of the spring term of 1877, Mr. Edmund P. Barker was compelled to resign the principalship of the school in consequence of ill health superinduced by excessive study and hard labor brought to bear on his school work. The public examination under Mr. Barker never appeared to better advantage; especially those classes in Latin, French and Mathematics were worthy of marked notice. The scanning of the Virgil class was taught with

scholarly correctness. Upon the resignation of Mr. Barker, the committee received many applications, and after due deliberation, the present principal, Albert Warren, was selected.

Mr. Warren is a graduate of Yale College, besides bringing to his work the experience of seven years labor in the Spencer High School. The school accepted Mr. Warren with a good grace, and he has labored ever since with commendable acceptance and faithfulness. His review exercises during each Monday forenoon in general studies cannot be too highly valued, and show the good sense of a true teacher.

In a word, there is a substantial amount of work going on in all the departments, and the High School, as a whole, is highly creditable to the town of Grafton, and ranks among the best high schools of Worcester County.

Although the High School building is at the Centre, every year the town determines by vote, where the High School shall be held during the ensuing year. For the last four years the town has appropriated annually for the High and Grammar Schools \$2,500.

#### **Rev. Farrington McIntire's Family School.**

This school was established in September, 1853, by Rev. Farrington McIntire, A. M., in the house now occupied by his son-in-law, John A. Sweetser, on Brigham Hill. The school was called a family school for boys, and Mr. McIntire had the sole charge. The school was started with two pupils, and during the five years of its existence there was an average attendance of twenty. During this time he had in all over one hundred different scholars. Mr. McIntire says: "I have the satisfaction of believing that I was of some use to them in various ways, for I am not aware that any ever fell below the standard which they had on coming under my instruction and influence. Some became mer-

chants, some manufacturers, one has long been a sea captain on a large vessel and occupies a position of great responsibility ; in various walks of life they are all influential, good citizens, so far as I know." Mr. McIntire was greatly assisted a portion of the time by his sister, who had much to do in securing the usefulness and welfare of the school. The scholars were instructed in Latin, Greek and French as well as in the common English branches. In referring to Captain Wheeler's school and his own, he says : " And we both think, no doubt, that we were no small pillars in the great fabric of our national education and refinement ; as it is a harmless mistake if we were not, I pray that we may be allowed to enjoy it, as we are growing old."



## GRAFTON GEOGRAPHICALLY AND GEOLOGICALLY.

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### CHAPTER SEVENTH.

#### CONTENTS :

The soil.—Chestnut, George's and Brigham Hills.—Blackstone, Assabet and Little or Quinsigamond Rivers.—Long Pond.—George's Brook.—The boundaries of the town.—Additions.—Gneiss and Peat.

**G**RAFTON is a most excellent township of land. The face of the town is hilly and uneven, and in general rocky ; but the soil is moist and strong, rich and very productive. It is good for Indian corn, wheat, rye, oats, barley and flax. The lands are naturally warm and not subject to frosts ; and as they are high and rocky, they are well adapted to orcharding and all kinds of fruit trees. There are three noticeable hills in town. The first to be mentioned is called "Chestnut Hill," as abounding in that sort of wood. This is situated but a little east of the Congregational meeting-house, and is the highest land in town, hiding it from Westborough. This is not large ; the land is moist and good.

On the easterly side of the town lies "George's Hill," two miles and a half in length. It took its name from one George Misco, an Indian, who dwelt upon it. This is a hill of most excellent land, and there are a number of very fine farms upon it.

A third is denominated "Brigham Hill," from a number of that name who have lived upon it. This lies in the westerly part of the town, is high, about two miles in length ; has upon it several excellent and large farms, though some

parts of it are rough, broken lands. The general growth of wood is walnut, oak of all kinds, chestnut, some pitch pine, butternut, buttonwood, black and white ash, and birch. There is some pine plain land in the town near the rivers.

Blackstone River, from the north parish in Sutton, enters Grafton in the southwesterly part of the town; this then becomes a large and beautiful river, and runs about three miles in the southerly part of Grafton, and then passes into Upton.

Little River or more properly Quinsigamond, being the outlet from the Lake of that name, runs along on the west side of the town, within about half a mile of the meeting-house, and between that and "Brigham Hill," and about one mile and a half south from the meeting-house joins Blackstone River. This stream forms the beautiful lake known as Goddard's Pond, and also Flint Pond. There are eight bridges in town on this river.

Lake Quinsigamond or Long Pond is four miles in length between Worcester and Shrewsbury, and extends from this town on the south to West Boylston on the north. This is a beautiful sheet of water, having within its borders ten small islands.

On Blackstone and Little Rivers before and after the junction, there are considerable bodies of good meadow, and rich interval lands. The River Assabet, which runs north-east and empties into the Merrimack, has its source in Grafton, about one mile and a half northeast from the meeting-house. This passes through the northwest angle of Westborough into Northborough.

Besides these, on the west side of George's Hill, runs George's Brook, which rises in the northerly part of Grafton; this passes to the south. On this stream there are large and good meadows. There was no pond in town in 1793. Upon the several rivers and streams above-mentioned, there were at this time four grist-mills, several saw-mills, three trip-

hammers, and one fulling-mill. The town abounds with rivulets and springs of water. Bummet's Brook is in the northern part of the town and empties into Quinsigamond just below New England Village. There are three bridges on this brook, and also the same number on George's Brook, in town.

Blackstone River above referred to, which passes through this town on the southwest, is forty miles long, extending from Worcester to Providence. Upon the banks of this river probably more manufacturing is done than upon any other stream of equal size in the country. It has several tributaries in the town. This river was called by the Indians the *Nipmuck* River. There are three bridges on this stream in town.

The people subsist mainly by the cultivation of the soil, and they are amply recompensed for all their labor. They have the usual number of tradesmen, manufacturers and mechanics, etc.\* In 1800, potash-making was carried on here quite extensively, as it was throughout the county.

In 1837, there were five cotton mills, 14,054 spindles; 2,053,320 yards of cotton goods were manufactured; value, \$278,014; males employed, 134; females, 226; one woolen mill, four sets of machinery; 70,000 yards of cloth were manufactured; value, \$1,120,000; males employed, 34; females, 25. There were 18,672 pairs of boots, 671,538 pairs of shoes manufactured; value, \$614,141; males employed, 906; females, 486.

Grafton, though not a large tract of land, has an exceedingly rich and good soil, and the inhabitants have become wealthy by tilling it. In former times the town was greatly benefited by the travel through it. Grafton is forty miles from Boston, to the southwest. It is thirty-four miles from

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\* Eight groceries, three drug stores, three provision stores, one lawyer, three hotels—Grafton Hotel, Quinsigamond House, Farnumsville Hotel, one tailor, four currier shops, five manufactories of boots and shoes, one bakery, one emery-mill, five cotton-mills.

Providence, to the northwest, and eight from the Court-house in Worcester, a little to the south of east. "In the elevated region, east of Connecticut river, a large number of villages have been built upon heights commanding wide horizons; and some of these, being in a superior style of architecture, are most attractive objects to the distant traveler. What, for instance, can be a finer object, than the beautiful village of Grafton, seen at a distance of six or eight miles!"\*

Since its incorporation one-half a mile of land was taken from Shrewsbury and added to Grafton, on the north, and about half a mile of Sutton, on the south, was annexed to it; so that Grafton is now five miles in length, from north to south, and four in width, from east to west. This town is bounded on the north, by Shrewsbury; on the east, by Westborough and Upton; on the south, by Upton and Sutton; and on the west, by Sutton.

By an act of the Legislature of March 22, 1838, "that tract of incorporated land, called Grafton Gore, south of Lake Quinsigamond, bounded west by Worcester, south by Millbury, east by Grafton, and north by Shrewsbury," was annexed to and made part of the town of Worcester, which extended the territory of that city to the limit it now presents in that direction.

Gneiss abounds here in large quantities.† This differs from granite only in having a slaty structure, and occupies more of the surface of the town than any other rock. Large beds have been quarried here, and much of the stone can hardly be distinguished from granite, even by the geologist.

Schistose gneiss also abounds here. This is probably the most common variety of gneiss. The structure is foliated like that of mica slate. It passes frequently into mica slate by the disappearance of the feldspar.

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\* Professor Hitchcock's Geology. † Ibid.

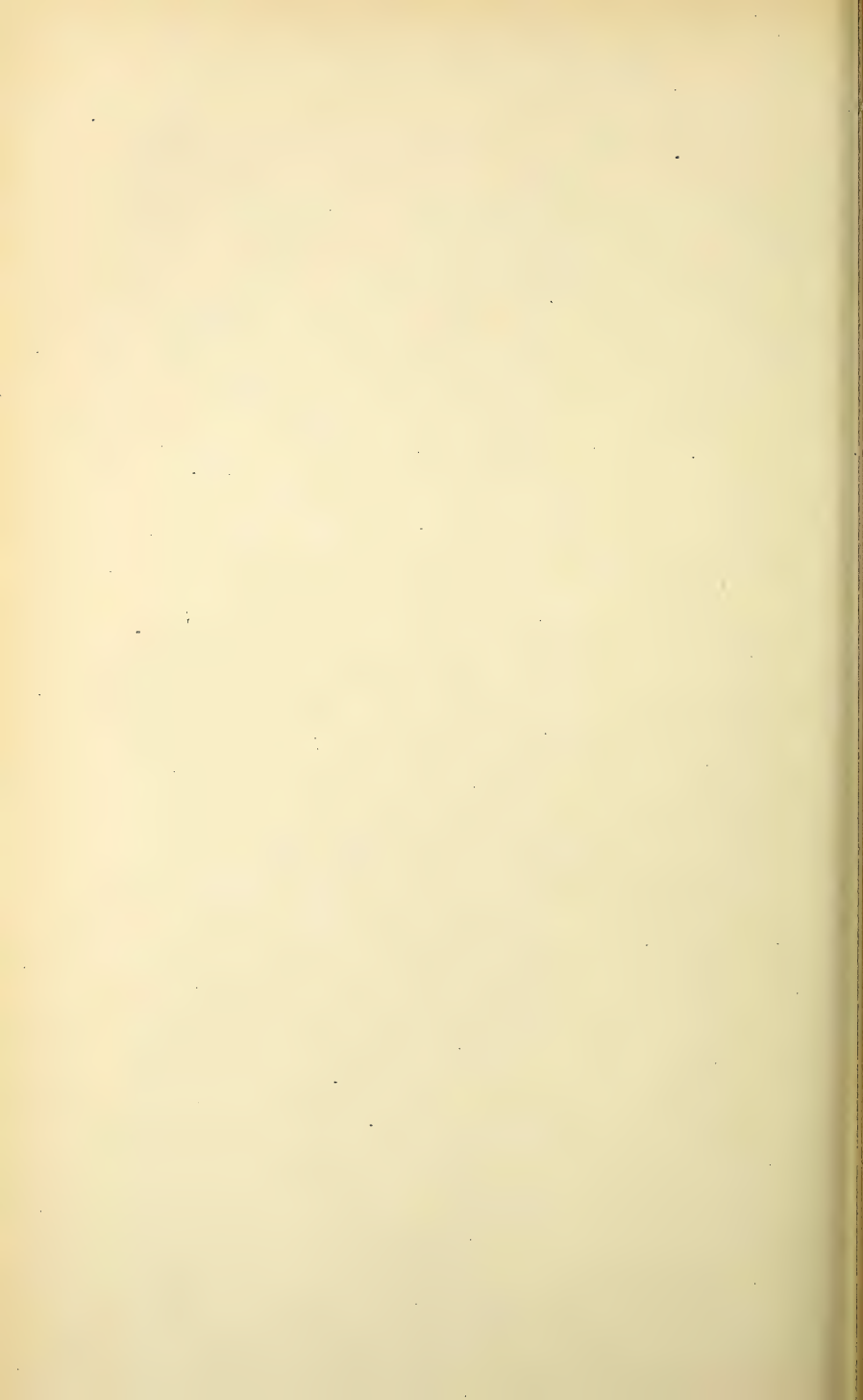
Laminar gneiss is found here. In this variety the different ingredients occupy distinct layers. This rock is composed of alternating layers of gneiss and mica slate.

Sienitic gneiss is met with abundantly here. This is quarried for building purposes. This rock is a granitic gneiss, composed almost entirely of quartz and feldspar, through which are disseminated numerous black crystalline masses of hornblende, which have a parallel arrangement.

The south part of the range of gneiss, east of Worcester Valley, extends from Worcester to Grafton in a southerly direction, several degrees west, with a dip of from 45 degrees to 90 degrees west. There is also a small range which extends from this place to Upton, in the following direction: Southeast and northwest; northeast, small.

Peat is also found in large quantities here. Various causes are in operation to produce an accumulation of mud upon the bottoms of ponds, lakes, estuaries, etc. In this mud various aquatic plants will take root, and by their decay will swell the deposit. At length the pulpy mass nearly reaches the surface, when sphagnous and other mosses take root in it, along with numerous other plants, and by their gradual decomposition the pond becomes converted, in the course of ages, into a swamp or marsh. This is the simple account of the origin of peat, the value of which for fuel is generally known.





## MISCELLANEOUS.

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### CHAPTER EIGHTH.

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#### Population.

**W**ITHIN the last fifty years the population of this town has increased surprisingly. In 1765, there were 371 males, 371 females, colored 21; houses, 109; families, 109. According to the Colonial census in 1776, it had advanced to 861. By the first United States census, under the government, in 1790, there were 872. By the second census, in 1800, there were 985. In 1810 the population was reduced to 946. In 1820 there was a population of 1,154, three times as many as in 1765, fifty-five years before. Since 1820, the increase has been very rapid. In 1830, the whole number of inhabitants, according to the census taken

that year, was 1,889 ; in 1840, it was 2,943 ; in 1850, 3,904 ; in 1860, 4,317 ; in 1870, 4,594. In 1875, the population diminished over 150 on account of the business depression, and was 4,442. In 1875, the number of dwellings was 716, and number of families 951.

According to Mr. Brigham, the population in 1835 was 3,036.

### Wealth.

An almost uninterrupted increase of the population and business of the town, since the present century, has vastly increased its wealth. Some judgment of this increase may be formed by comparing the taxes of 1832 and of 1860. In 1832, the sum assessed for town purposes was only \$1,950. But in 1860, the sum total assessed for all purposes, State, county and town, was \$11,626.81.

In 1860, the personal property assessed was . . . . .	\$536,213
The real estate . . . . .	1,054,772

Total valuation . . . . .	\$1,590,985
Whereas the total valuation in 1832, was . . . . .	890,958

Showing a gain in 18 years of . . . . .	\$700,027
The total valuation in 1865, was . . . . .	\$1,777,973

In 1772, Grafton paid £2, 17s., 3d. of the State tax ; in 1778, £2, 15s., 3d. ; in 1782, £2, 10s., 5d. ; in 1786, £2, 12s., 6d. ; in 1793, there were 237 polls in town, and they paid £2, 8s., 3d., 3q.

### Principal Business.

The original settlers were doubtless principally employed in the tilling and cultivating of the soil, for which each received his proportion of the seven thousand five hundred acres purchased of the Indians. At the present day (1879) the employment pursued, more than any other, is work upon leather.

**The Currying Business.**

The principal business carried on in the Centre is currying leather and manufacturing boots and shoes. Jonathan Warren bought out the tannery on North street, in the year 1820, and began currying in what is now known as "the Old Red Shop," and he was also extensively engaged in the manufacture of boots and brogans, which business he carried on until the year 1870. Mr. Warren died in December, 1875.

R. E. Warren began currying in 1830, and continued in the business up to 1869, employing from eight to twelve persons.

Messrs. E. B. & A. M. Bigelow began currying in 1832, in the shop next to the Baptist Church, which building they occupied for four years, when they built the shop now occupied by A. & A. Bigelow, where they curried and also manufactured boots and shoes until about the year 1861, when the company dissolved, and each one engaged in business on his own account for several years.

B. K. Moulton also did quite a business at currying, moving from Dudley to this place in 1851, and continued in the business up to 1871, in the shop owned by R. E. Warren, on North street.

John Whitney began in the business in 1836, and continued it on South street up to 1870.

George W. Estabrook came to this town from Worcester, in 1851, and entered at once into the employ of B. K. Moulton, where he remained seven years. In 1858 he formed a co-partnership with Hiram Fernald, and engaged in currying in a building above the engine-house, on North street, until 1863, when the business was conducted in his name alone by his son Frank, until February, 1874, when the business was discontinued, he being engaged by a wholesale leather house in Boston as salesman, where he has since been located.

Messrs. Estabrook & Stratton began currying in 1862, and remained in the business up to the death of Mr. Estabrook, which occurred in the year 1865. Mr. Stratton carried on the business for a number of years after the death of his partner, and has a shop on North street at the present time, but he is not doing any business in it.

J. W. McKenzie began currying in 1863, and is still engaged, to a small extent, in the business on North street, and he is also starting the manufacture of boots and shoes on a small scale.

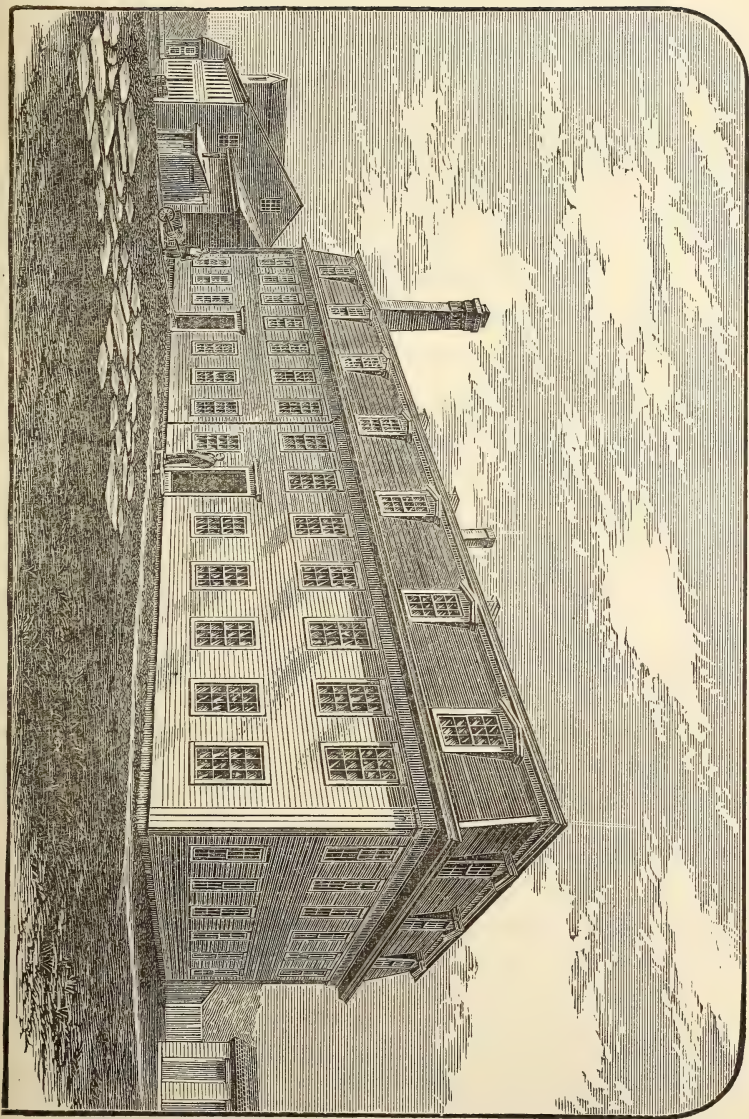
Thomas Hall began currying several years ago, in a shop in the rear of Mr. McKenzie, on North street, where he is in the business at present. He employs about ten men, and has steam power.

L. W. Dodge began the currying business on his own account in 1837, on North street, and stocked a tannery in Otis, Mass., for a number of years, and also one in the town of Weston, Vt., for several years, and curried his own stock up to the year 1872, when he built his new shop on North street, in the rear of A. & A. Bigelow's. In June, 1868, his son, Joseph A. Dodge, was admitted as a partner under the firm name of L. W. Dodge & Son.

The main shop is three stories high, 84 by 40 feet, and an addition was built on the shop in 1877, 40 by 30 feet, two stories high. The first floor is used for a wet and stock room, the second floor for whitening, fitting up and finishing, and the third story for a stuffing loft. The firm employ twenty-two hands, with an average pay roll per month of \$1,200, and curry 1,200 sides and splits a week, on the average, for A. M. Bigelow & Co., of Boston.

A. & A. Bigelow employ twenty-two hands, and use the same amount of oil and tallow as L. W. Dodge & Son, with the same pay-roll per month, and curry 1,200 sides and splits a week, on the average, for A. M. Bigelow & Co. Their shop is 163 by 32 feet, two and a half stories high, and was built about the year 1840.





CURRYING ESTABLISHMENT OF L. W. & J. A. DODGE.

The two firms use, in the course of the year, 250 tons of coal for furnishing power and heating purposes. There is also connected with the engine two steam pumps for use in case of fire—one to each shop. At present the shops are running on full time.

There is a boiler and engine-house owned by L. W. Dodge & Son, and A. & A. Bigelow, 26 by 26 feet, with a chimney seven feet square at the base and sixty-five feet high. The engine is twenty-five horse power, and furnishes power for both shops.

#### **The Indian Burying-Ground.**

The Indian burying-ground, where the last remnants of the race were interred, is situated a few rods from the residence of Fred. Jourdan, on the Farnumsville road, in a field belonging to the old Whipple farm. The burying-ground is covered with wild grass and loose stones. When the cross-road was cut through several of the graves were uncovered, and were found to contain kettles, pots, dishes, knives, tomahawks, etc., besides a few bones. A few years since, as I have been informed, as many as twenty or thirty graves were plainly distinguishable, though they have now almost wholly disappeared. Two of the graves were situated without the bounds of the rest, and in a direction perpendicular to them; the former being from north to south, the latter from east to west. Many aged persons can remember when the last degraded remnants of the race, once inhabiting the soil we occupy, inclosed in rude coffins of rough boards, hastily put together, and without any religious ceremony, were conveyed to this repository of the dead.

#### **Post-Offices and Postmasters.**

The post-office was established in this town, March 12, 1811, with William Lamb as the first postmaster. The post-office was first kept in the old building known in its day as

the "Fly Market," owned by David Sherman. The following is a complete list of the postmasters :—

Samuel Wood, Henry G. Grout, Major Otis Adams, Major Ebenezer Aldrich, Charles A. Pierce, H. D. P. Bigelow, Silas A. Pierce, Charles A. Pierce, Silas A. Pierce, Major J. Frank Searle, and Miss Susie E. Searle the present incumbent, who was appointed June 6, 1876. The post-office was formerly kept in the old Warren block.

The post-office at Saundersville was established February 19, 1851, and Gilbert C. Taft was appointed postmaster. He has held the office twenty-eight years.

The post-office at Farnumsville was established January 1, 1831, with Dr. Levi Rawson as postmaster. He was succeeded by Alfred Morse, who was succeeded by Clark C. Willis, the present incumbent.

The New England Village post-office was established July 18, 1832, with Chandler M. Pratt as postmaster. The subsequent postmasters have been Robert W. Flagg, Samuel B. Dolliver, Joshua W. Harrington, Robert D. Chase, Simon B. Allen, and Mrs. Simon B. Allen the present incumbent.

### Newspapers.

The first Grafton newspaper was called *The Sheaf*. This was published and edited by B. Winslow Packard in the Warren block here and in Eagle block in Westborough, appearing in both towns on the same day of the week. The sheet was short-lived, whether on account of the want of brains in the editor or lack of subscribers we have been unable to determine. It was published in the year 1856.

The second and last newspaper started here was the *Grafton Herald*, established January 29, 1874, by Cook & Sons, of Milford. This paper is quite similar to the *Milford Journal*, *Natick Bulletin* and *Medway Gazette* in make-up; all being published in the *Journal* office. At

one time the circulation of the *Herald* was claimed to be 300 by the publishers. This paper still exists.

### **The Blackstone Canal.**

This canal, which extended from Worcester to Providence, a distance of forty-five miles, passed through this town. It was eighteen feet wide at the bottom and thirty-six at the top of the banks. It was built alternately on both sides of the Blackstone River, and passed nearly all the great manufacturing establishments in the valley of the Blackstone. The first boat which passed through the whole extent arrived at the upper basin October 7, 1828. The expense of the work was about \$750,000; of this amount more than half a million of dollars was paid by the citizens of Rhode Island. The canal was more useful to the public than to the proprietors; the amount of transportation, however, increased during the following years, but was of short duration as it was superseded by

### **The Providence and Worcester Railroad Corporation**

In 1847. This road follows nearly the same route as the canal and has two stations in this town, one at Saundersville and the other at Farnumsville. William H. Jourdan, Esq., of Grafton, now of Worcester, was one of the conductors on the first train, and had for a number of years the charge of the depot and company's interests in Worcester.

### **The Boston and Worcester Railroad**

Was incorporated June 23, 1831. The road extending forty-four miles eastward, was first laid with a single track of edge rails, on cast iron chairs, resting on wooden sleepers, bedded in trenches filled with stones. The cost of construction was \$1,500,000, including land, labor, cars, engines, and buildings. At that time passenger trains went in each direction three times daily during the warm months, and twice in



the cold season, except on Sundays. This road was consolidated with the Western road, forming a line from Boston to Albany, N. Y. At the present time the road is one of the best managed and equipped roads in the country, having a double track of all steel rails. The company a few years ago erected a new passenger station in Grafton, on the site of the old freight depot and opposite the old passenger station, which is standing at the present time and used for storage purposes.

#### **The Grafton Centre Railroad,**

Narrow gauge, which runs from the depot of the Boston and Albany railroad in New England Village, is three miles in length and was completed in the fall of 1874. The road is at the present time equipped with two dummy engine passenger cars made by Jerome Wheelock, of Worcester, a native of this town, also freight cars operated by the same motive power.

At the annual meeting last January the following officers were elected :—President, Jonathan D. Wheeler ; clerk, A. A. Ballou ; treasurer, Henry F. Wing ; superintendent, Edward P. Capron ; directors, J. D. Wheeler, Winthrop Faulkner, G. K. Nichols, G. F. Slocomb, S. A. Forbush, Franklyn Baldwin, Alden M. Bigelow, J. A. Dodge, J. B. White, Reuben Taft. The gross receipts of the road for the year were \$3,995.07 ; total cost of running the road, \$3,202.45 ; net income, \$792.62. During the year the number of passengers carried was 22,327. A freight department has been added within the past five months, at a cost for construction and equipment of \$375.39 ; its earnings for the time have been \$511.90. The cost of fuel per day was \$1.38. Winthrop Faulkner, Esq., who has been intimately connected with the enterprise from its beginning, and for some years its superintendent, has resigned his office. It is but justice to say that the success of the road, whether as an accommodation to the public or financially, is



very largely owing to the judicious personal care he has so faithfully exercised over its interests. Mr. Capron, his successor, has been the efficient conductor of the road from its beginning, and will bring his experience to promote the future efficiency of this popular line of travel.

The only fatal accident on the road occurred in 1878. The engineer, Mr. Daniels, saw something on the track and gave two whistles, but there was no movement. As he neared the object it proved to be a boy lying on his face with his neck across the rail. It being down grade he passed over the body, cutting the head entirely off. The boy was twelve years old, named Thomas Conners, and was working for one Sullivan and had not been from the house over five minutes when killed. He was subject to fits, and one of them is supposed to have been the indirect cause of his death.

The superintendents have been Hon. J. H. Wood, E. P. Capron, Winthrop Faulkner and E. P. Capron.

### **Buildings.**

Since the present century came in the vast increase of wealth in Grafton has effected a marked improvement in its buildings of every description. In 1800 the only considerable public edifice was the old church on the common; and that though then capacious enough to accommodate the people in their weekly worship, was erected without steeple and had nothing of elegance to recommend it. And as to the private dwelling-houses of the town at that period, though, generally speaking, they were substantially built, neat and convenient, yet there was nothing beautiful or attractive about them. But now we see scattered in all parts of the town, and quite thickly in the centre, large and costly residences, beautiful to look at. We see a convenient town hall instead of a church vestry to hold town meetings in. We see elegant school-houses, which are ornaments and do honor to the town. We see five churches and three

hotels, all respectable in appearance and well adapted for their intended use. And here we see farms all in fine cultivation, with farm-houses which are among the best in Worcester County.

### **The Powers Murder.**

The Supreme Court of the State met, by special assignment, in Worcester, June 14th, 1836, for the trial of Jonathan Brooks, a cordwainer, charged with the murder of Henry Powers, laborer, in the employ of Mrs. Eunice Hayden, in this town, October 30th, 1835. Judges Barton and Allen defended the prisoner. The following facts were brought out during the trial:—The parties resided on George Hill, and had some conversation relative to Powers throwing apples at Brooks' boys. The conversation ended in blows, and in Brooks' stabbing Powers in the shoulder, from the effects of which he died. After a very lengthy and exhaustive trial of nearly three days, the jury, after an absence of an hour and a half, returned a verdict of manslaughter, and the court sentenced the prisoner to the State Prison for six years at hard labor, and one day solitary confinement.

### **Grafton Bank Robbery.**

The First National Bank of Grafton was robbed of everything contained in its safe, on Tuesday night, October 25, 1870, by burglars, who left ample evidence that they were professionals. They were tracked to Worcester, to which city they went, in a team which they stole from Mr. Farwell, in New England Village. Everything showed that it was a deliberately planned affair—a job put up by some one who had made himself familiar with the premises; and the forces were so distributed that the work went on safely, even while people were moving about the street, for one of them was left outside to inform those at work of the approach of any one, by means of a cord under the door. It was the

most daring and extensive robbery that ever occurred in this section. The greatest excitement prevailed among the citizens, and throughout the day and evening following the robbery crowds of them gathered about the door of the Bank to talk over the robbery that seriously affected many of them. The following persons were subsequently arrested and tried before the Superior Court, Pitman, judge, June 1, 1871 :—Reuben Perris, Samuel Perris, Daniel Docherty *alias* Daniel Potter, Charles Gleason and James M. Welch. After a two days' trial the court found Docherty, Gleason and Samuel Perris guilty. Reuben Perris was found not guilty, and he was subsequently indicted for participation in the crime.

### The Old Burying-Ground.

The original Grafton burying-ground is situated near Goddard's Pond, and bounded by the old Worcester and Valley roads. The action first taken in relation to this was in 1734, November 26th, when Nathaniel Sherman, Joseph Willard and Thomas Pratt were chosen "a committee to stake out a burying-place or field." In 1735, this committee were instructed to stake out three acres for the lot. The committee reported :—

### "YE BURYING LOT.

September y<sup>e</sup> 5, 1737.—Laid out one acree and one hundred and thirty rod of land, by order of the comtte., for a burying-place, bounded as follows: Begining at the southeast corner of said land, by the highway leading to the mill called Ward's mill, and running west thirty-eight degrees north seven rods and an half to a white oak, to the land of Nathaniel Sherman. Then south thirty-seven degrees west by said Sherman's land thirty-one rod to the land belonging to the Biglo's. Then east thirty-three degrees south ten rod by said land to the highway. Then by the highway to the first corner mentioned.

Surveyed, &c.

JAMES CUTTER,	} <i>Comtte."</i>
THOMAS PRATT,	
NATHANIEL SHERMAN,	

**Poor Farm.**

April 7, 1834.—The town purchased, through a committee, a farm of Benjamin Kingsbury, in the westerly part of the town, containing nearly one hundred acres, on which to support the town's poor, for \$3,086.73.

This old poor farm was located on Brigham Hill, and when the present poor farm, formerly the farm of Col. Cyrus Leland, was purchased, this farm was sold. Previous to this time the town's poor were boarded in private families.

During 1853, there were twenty-one persons supported on the farm at an average cost of twenty-four cents a week. 1854, there were eighteen. The overseers reported as follows:—

“Agreeable to a vote of said town, in March last, said Overseers have contracted for a barn to be erected on said town farm, which is now in process of building, and will probably be completed about the middle of June next. Said barn is 40 feet by 80, with 18-foot posts, and to be made convenient for from 20 to 30 head of cattle, and calculated to hold a sufficient quantity of hay for the same. Said Overseers, having the two old barns on the farm left to their disposal, have concluded to remove one of them on to the north end of the new barn-yard, there to be used for a barn or a shelter for carriages, carts, farming tools, &c., &c., as is most needed, and to sell the other at public or private sale to the highest bidder. Said Overseers also report that said town farm is now in no better condition for agricultural purposes than it was when the town first purchased it. Therefore they would recommend that the farm be improved hereafter, annually, by removing large quantities of meadow mud or peat, from the low lands, to the barn cellar and yard, there to be manufactured into manure, and large quantities of earth or ground from the high lands on to the low, to improve the same for grass, as the nature of the two soils is such that both may be very much improved by a mixture of the same. They would still further report that said farm should be managed and used for a milk farm, making the proceeds of nearly all its sales to consist of cash, received each month for milk.”

In 1855, twenty-six were supported on the farm. During this year the barn was completed at a cost of \$2,331.57. During 1856, twenty-two were supported at a cost of \$2.25



per week. One of the old barns was sold this year for \$70. 1857, one hundred and fifty-one were supported on the farm, at a cost of \$2.86 per week. 1858, two hundred and nineteen were supported. 1859, four hundred and twenty were supported. During the year one of the inmates died, leaving but four at the farm, who were apparently in a comfortable and contented condition. In 1860, there were three hundred supported. In 1861, four hundred and fifteen. During this year a wagon, harness and robe were stolen from the barn on the farm.

The number of persons who were inmates of the almshouse during the year 1865 was 10. Six were discharged. One was temporarily absent. The present number was three. "We have re-engaged the services of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Landers to superintend the almshouse and farm for the ensuing year, at a salary of five hundred dollars (\$500). They are to furnish all the help in the house at their own expense." The number of persons who were inmates of the almshouse in 1866 was seven. Two died. Two were discharged. The present number, three. "We have re-engaged the services of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Landers, at a salary of six hundred dollars (\$600), they to furnish all help in the house at their own expense. We have been much pleased with the management of the farm and almshouse the past year." The number of persons at the farm in 1867 was four; families lodged, 148; number in almshouse, seven; discharged, two. Whole number supported or assisted on the farm during 1868, 252. Number of weeks board, 110. The number of persons at the almshouse, seven. Died during the year, two: George T. Clark and Roland Cobb. "We have contracted with Mr. and Mrs. Landers to remain at the town farm one year from April 1st, 1869, at the same salary as the previous year." The town farm consists of about 286 acres of land and has on it 500 cords of wood or more, has been appraised at \$6,000 and can be sold for \$8,000 or more. Whole num-



ber supported or assisted on the farm during 1869, 158. Number of weeks' board, 238. Number of persons at the almshouse, four. In consequence of the Act passed by the legislature in 1868, "in relation to the settlement of paupers," it has cost the town about \$400 more by their gaining a settlement. Whole number supported or assisted on the farm during 1870, 248. Number of weeks' board 306. Number of persons at the almshouse at the present time, 11 : Charles Hayden, Mrs. Elijah Harrington, Henry Prentice, his wife and five children, and two Jennings boys. We have paid some large bills for aid away from the farm, which could not be avoided, in cases of sickness and death. Mrs. Jennings and Shepard Cooper, who are in the insane hospital at Worcester, will probably cost the town \$400 per annum. Deborah Warren, who died last fall, had been aided annually for twenty-four years. We have put up two hundred and thirty-eight vagrants or traveling paupers the year past,—some of them did not forget to call the second or third time. Whole number of tramps put up in 1871, 518, and 260 more had meals without lodgings. Number of persons at the almshouse at present time, six. Whole number of weeks' board, 368. Whole number supported or assisted on the farm during 1872, 304; of this number 195 have been lodged and 102 have had meals. Number of weeks' board, 209. Number of persons at the almshouse at the present time, six : Charles Hayden, Mrs. Betsy Harrington, Joseph B. Duncan, Daniel F. Brooks, Ellen Brooks and child. Whole number of tramps put up in 1873, 180, and 137 more have had meals. Number of persons at the almshouse at present time, six. Whole number of weeks' board, 274. Whole number of tramps put up in 1874, 837, and 298 more had meals without lodgings. Whole number of persons at the almshouse at present time, six. Whole number of weeks' board, 388. The following persons who have been aided by the town have died :—John Jennings, Betsy Harrington, John Aldrich, Zebina C. Lincoln, Jane

Jourdan and Michael Horgan. Whole number of tramps put up at the almshouse in 1875, 616, and 110 have had meals without lodgings. Whole number of persons at the almshouse at the present time, 10. Whole number of weeks' board, 568. Whole number of tramps lodged and fed at the almshouse in 1876, 585. Whole number fed at the almshouse without lodgings, 150. Whole number of tramps lodged and fed at the lockup, 168. Total, 903. Whole number of tramps lodged and fed at the almshouse in 1877, 526. Whole number fed without lodging, 135. Whole number fed at the lockup, 642. Total, 1,303. Cost per night at the lockup,  $16\frac{2}{3}$  cents each. Whole number of persons supported during the year at the almshouse in 1877, 12. Number of persons now at the almshouse, 10. Whole number of weeks' board of paupers at the almshouse, 355. There have been three deaths of persons who have been assisted by the town the past year. The cost of supporting paupers at the farm is \$2.11 per week. The overseers would recommend that the almshouse be painted the coming year.

There were eight deaths of persons who had settlements in and been assisted by the town in 1878, to wit.:—Mrs. John Aldrich, Philena Daniels, Mrs. Harriet Robinson, Mary McFarland, Mrs. Abigail Phillips, Timothy E. Wheelock, Joel Flagg, Fred. G. Plympton. The three last named died at the almshouse. Whole number of persons supported at the almshouse during the year, 19. Number of persons at the almshouse, seven. Whole number of weeks' board of paupers at the almshouse, 530. The cost of supporting paupers at the farm, including interest on farm, painting the almshouse and improvements on farm during the year, \$3.35 per week. Whole number of tramps lodged and fed, 1,100; cost per night at tramp-house,  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents each.

#### Pine Grove Cemetery.

September 21, 1846, the town purchased of Ebenezer Leland three acres and ninety-nine and nine-tenths rods for

\$106.96 for a cemetery in New England Village, and Albert Stone, Asa F. Smith and Austin Holbrook were chosen trustees.

October 8, 1849, the town purchased land for the cemetery of Ethan R. Thompson.

### Riverside Cemetery.

The Riverside Cemetery, which contains eleven acres of land, was purchased on the Cold Stream Road, by the town in 1849. At the consecration of the cemetery the following programme was carried out:—Invocation and reading of the Scriptures, Rev. Mr. Whittemore; hymn, composed by Miss Elizabeth Bruce; address, Rev. E. B. Willson of the First Congregational Society, from which we take the following:—

“This enclosure we devote, to-day, to other purposes. We dedicate it to silence and repose. Here we have selected and made ready a spot for the burial of our dead, and to that sole and sacred use we consecrate it now. In mindfulness of that coming and inevitable hour, when our dust shall return to its dust again, and the spirit unto God who gave it, we have sought out this solitude; and here, amid these shades and by this river's side, we have marked the places where the dust we wear, and the dust of those we love, may lie and mingle.

We deem this spot not ill-chosen for its purpose. It is withdrawn from the crowded thoroughfares of men. The din of business, the clamor of competition, the rush and hurry of men of care, will scarcely be heard in this distant retreat. The only prevalent sounds, which shall break its common stillness, shall be the soothing sounds of nature,—the notes of birds, the drone of insects, the voices of waters, the soft rustling of leaves, and the spirit-like whisperings of the wind among the pine-tops. Here quietness and peace shall reign, and nothing shall need to hinder the contemplation to which man is invited by the emblems of mortality about him. The language of nature is, indeed, the very speech of God its Author, and is, like Himself, perfect truth. It is when man is in his truest moods,—and these come never oftener than in his sorrows and self-communings,—that he finds himself most in harmony with nature, and most rejoices in her kindly and wholesome influence. Here, with the dead, with nature, and with God, will be found, we trust, that privacy and seclusion which are always so grateful to sensitive minds in the days of their sorrow.”

Consecrating prayer, Rev. T. C. Biscoe, of the Evangelical Congregational Society ; hymn, entitled and altered,

“ A resting-place we have sought for the dead,—  
Not where the busy world will daily tread,  
By dusty walks and noisy streets, but where  
The balmy breath of the free summer air  
Through these pines may softly sigh, as they wave  
Their evergreen arms o'er the new-made grave.” etc.

The history of the Cemetery by Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe, was as follows:—

“ The introduction into our country of rural cemeteries is of recent date; and Mount Auburn, in the vicinity of Boston, is believed to be the first of the kind among us. This enterprise, happily conceived and well-executed, led the way to the establishment of rural cemeteries in the neighborhood of other cities and large towns. That the sentiments and feelings of our own community have been affected by this change in public taste, has been apparent, probably to all among us who have had their attention directed to the subject, in the growing disposition to ornament and improve the ‘ old burying-ground.’ But this, though not, strictly speaking, all filled, yet has been so appropriated in lots to families which have lost one or more of their numbers, as rendered it necessary that new grounds should be provided. At a town meeting held September 24, 1849, a committee of thirteen were chosen to purchase a lot for a burial place; which committee, after due examination, bargained with the former owners of the grounds, which we have since consecrated to the purposes of a rural cemetery. The land, thus secured, is in extent about eleven acres, and is situated on the Cold Stream Road, so-called. It is believed that no other lot could be found in our town, that embraces so many natural beauties of wood and water, hill and vale, together with the delightful prospect that may be enjoyed from many parts of the ground, that so peculiarly fit this for a cemetery. The substratum of the soil on the most of the grounds being gravel, and the whole free from any ledges of rock or boulders, is regarded as very favorable for the purposes of interment. It is doubtful whether an area of the same size can be found elsewhere in our town, that furnishes a greater variety of forest trees, than adorns the spot of our choice. The two ponds within the premises, besides furnishing the proprietors with a large amount of decayed vegetable matter, which will be just what is needed upon the grounds, will, when properly excavated and ornamented, add greatly to the beauty and interest of the scenery. We deem it a matter for congratulation, that so beautiful a spot has been found within so convenient a distance of our village.



In accordance with the recommendation of the committee on the purchase of the lot, the town, on the 8th of October, A. D. 1849, made choice of five trustees or commissioners, who should have the care, superintendence and management of the cemetery; one to go out of office each year, and his place to be filled by a successor who shall be chosen by ballot. The trustees fortunately secured the services of General Dearborn, of Roxbury, in the arrangement of the grounds; who, with an experience in this particular department probably exceeding that of any other gentleman in this country, spent four days with us, both planning and laying out the necessary avenues and foot-paths; at the same time giving us such information as has been of much service to us in the improvement of the grounds. His labors and liberality will be held in grateful remembrance, as he declined all compensation for his services, except the payment of his necessary expenses. The avenues and foot-paths have been laid out in such a manner as to furnish easy access to all parts of the grounds; while, at the same time, special regard was had to the development of the beauties of the place. The avenues are a little more than three-fourths of a mile in extent, and there is nearly the same length of foot-paths. These have all been named, and guide-boards have been placed at both ends of the avenues and paths. All the grounds have not, as yet, been lotted out; nor is it regarded as necessary, or even desirable, that they should be at present. But lots of different sizes have been laid out in different parts of the grounds, so as to afford all purchasers an opportunity to suit their taste and ability as to locality and size. And, if any individual wishes a lot in any part of the ground that is not surveyed, it has been decided by the trustees that he may have it, and of such a size as he may desire, provided it is not so laid out as to interfere with the appropriate arrangement of the adjoining lots. After much labor and expense, the ground was judged to be in such a state of preparedness for its destined purposes, as to warrant the trustees in fixing upon a time for its consecration as a rural cemetery. This was done by appropriate religious services on Tuesday, April 29. The day was a beautiful one, and peculiarly favorable for the services, which were attended by a large, attentive and deeply affected audience. The ground in all parts of the cemetery having been priced at two and a half cents per foot, the right of choice was disposed of at public auction; the choice-money amounting to nearly seventy dollars. At the time of sale, notice was given that, by vote of the trustees, after the expiration of fourteen days from the time of consecration the price of the lots would be raised to three cents per foot. Within that time seventy lots were sold. All lots that have been, or may be sold, are subject to such by-laws as the trustees have enacted or may establish to secure and promote the general objects of the cemetery. Thus, by a liberal outlay on the part of our town, the citizens may now, for a trifling sum, secure for themselves and their families a quiet resting-place in this pleasant 'garden of



graves,' when death shall have severed the brittle thread of life. The lot seems so well designed to the purpose to which it has been devoted, that it would be difficult to name any particular that would have improved it to that end. Whether considered in reference to its position and accessibility; the availableness of most of its surface for the purposes of interment, and of the remainder for ornament; the diversity and beauty of the grounds; its native and varied forest-growth, or the loveliness of the surrounding scenery; it seems to be all that could be desired."

### **Town Hall, Warren Block and Unitarian Church Destroyed by Fire.**

One of the largest and most destructive fires that ever visited Grafton, occurred early Thursday morning, September 11, 1862, destroying Warren Block, the Unitarian Church (Rev. W. G. Scandlin's), the Town Hall, the adjacent buildings, and a large amount of personal property. The fire originated in the Protective Union store in Warren Block, soon after midnight, extending to the other buildings before it could be checked. The Union store was completely burned out. Loss, \$4,000; insured for \$3,000. The store of J. H. Wood & Co., dry goods dealers and merchant tailors, in the same block, lost all its contents, valued at \$5,500; insured for \$3,500. Warren, Conant & Co., shoe manufacturers, succeeded in removing some of their stock from the basement and first floor. The town safe, containing all the archives and documents of the town, in an adjoining room, fell through into the cellar, but not a leaf of its contents was injured. On opening it everything was found safe. A. L. Hawes, jeweller, occupied the next store. His goods were partially saved. The hall occupied by the Odd Fellows and Freemasons, and a large hall used by the Methodists for a church, were both consumed. Warren Block was situated on the north side of the Common, and was owned by Capt. Jonathan Warren. Its cost was \$12,000, and it was insured for \$8,000. The Town Hall, with the Unitarian Church in the second story, was only a few feet distant. The carpets were removed, but the building was

consumed. The church was insured for \$3,000. The entire loss was estimated at \$50,000 or \$60,000.

### Free Public Library.

The citizens of the town are primarily indebted to their worthy townsman and fellow-citizen, Joseph Leland, Esq., for his timely and voluntary gift for the establishment of this public institution, which is of such general and decided utility. But for his practical sagacity in devising, and his liberality in endowing it, upon such conditions as almost to compel the co-operation of the town in promoting its efficiency, years might and probably would have elapsed before either public or private generosity would have supplied the means for carrying into effect so desirable an enterprise. But with the donation of \$1,000 from Mr. Leland,\* increased in a generous spirit, in accordance with his suggestion, by the appropriation of a like sum by the town, the institution was at once placed on a stable foundation, and its trustees proceeded to render its funds available to the public. Due acknowledgment should be made to the old Grafton Lyceum, and the Farmers' Club, whose stockholders cheerfully contributed the libraries of those organizations, containing many choice books, to constitute a part and to circulate with this. To enable the transfer to be made, that the trustees might thus guard against purchasing books sure

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\* In a communication to the Selectmen, dated November 3, 1866, after alluding with tender words to this, the place of his nativity, and to the desire he felt to promote its prosperity, he says:—"I have thought that the establishment of a free public library and reading-room would conduce as much as any other plan that could be arranged by which I might evince that interest, and leave some evidence of my desire to elevate and improve the rising generation. I have therefore concluded to offer the town of Grafton the sum of one thousand dollars, trusting that the town will contribute an equal amount, which would place the library on a sure footing."

On the 26th of the same month the town accepted the offer, and appropriated an equal amount for the end proposed.

to become available to the library in time, some little delay was occasioned in their action, and yet the result showed that such delay was wisdom and economy in the end. The reading-room, provided for by the terms of the donation, was first opened to visitors January 28, 1867, while the library, owing to the delay above alluded to, and in procuring cases, preparing books for circulation, and other interruptions, was not made accessible to the public until April 24.

The operations of both departments of the institution during the first year were in a high degree satisfactory, having more than equaled the most sanguine expectations of those charged with their immediate oversight. Under the accommodating and careful management of Mr. White, the librarian, both seem to have been centres of increasing interest to visitors, and the number of those who are disposed to avail themselves of such means of entertainment and culture is rapidly enlarging. Records kept by the librarian for a few weeks after the reading-room was opened, showed that an average of twenty-six persons made it a daily resort for reading, which is perhaps not an over-estimate of the number of those who have continued to frequent it, even since the library with its more varied and substantial treasures of information has been competing with it for popular favor. Here are at all times to be found the leading monthly, and several of the popular weekly publications of the country, whose racy and instructive contents deserve, and would doubtless receive, far more attention from many, especially ladies, if its location was more retired and favorable for the legitimate use and purposes implied in its name. To many who have had occasion to resort to it, either for reading or study, it is manifest that other and larger accommodations are, to say the least, very desirable. A space equal to that now given to both the library and reading-room, and free from the intrusion of all foreign interests is required for the convenient arrangement and

most profitable use of the magazines and papers now taken and desired by the reading public. But until the town shall deem it expedient to provide more ample quarters, or some generous donor, prompted by the laudable desire to confer a lasting benefit upon the community, shall appear, to offer the means for the erection of a building for the exclusive use of the library, this department must more than share with that the inconvenience of too contracted and ill-suited apartments. Though no public notice of the opening of the library was given, and therefore the fact was not generally known, yet a very respectable number of readers began, at once, to draw books from its shelves. This class continued steadily to increase, though much more rapidly during the latter part of the year, until the number of volumes delivered per week was about 300. The entire number delivered from April 24, 1867, to the first Wednesday in February—when the books were called in for examination—a period of about nine months, was 5,311, and to 482 different persons; not a single volume during this time was missing. The trustees reported:—

“The books are generally in good repair, and show careful usage on the part of most of those who have drawn them. We wish the young especially, and all who are permitted to share the gratuitous privileges of the library, to remember the cost of books, and that all wanton or careless defacing of the property of the town is an index of the culture and public standard of morals among us, and of necessity is a discredit to the town.

The public library has now become an institution of the town. Some pecuniary outlay, as contemplated by the legislature, will be necessary to continue it in a creditable condition, and the trustees hope such a sum will be cheerfully appropriated, believing that no expenditure of the same amount in any other manner will conduce more to the general welfare.”

In 1868, nine thousand six hundred and thirty-six volumes were taken from the library by six hundred and forty-six different individuals. At the examination of the library on the first Wednesday in February, but one volume was missing, showing great care both on the part of the librarian



and that of the people in their general use. Twenty-three volumes of magazines and reviews were bound ; while it was found necessary to re-bind twenty-six volumes worn by their frequent use. The reading-room was liberally provided with a good selection of our periodical literature and the use of the same gave unquestioned evidence touching the want which this public provision meets.

At the annual examination of the library by the trustees, in 1869, it was found, from the report of the librarian, J. W. White, that 9,188 volumes had been taken from the library, by seven hundred and four persons,—an increase of fifty-eight over the number who availed themselves of its privileges in the preceding year. One volume was damaged beyond possibility of return. One other volume—"Freaks of Fortune"—was taken from the library without being charged. So that, in three years, one book has been destroyed, one carried out of town, and two lost, without leaving any trace as to their direction,—revealing care commendable in the highest degree.

The library is under obligations for books presented by Hon. J. D. Baldwin, Hon. George F. Hoar, and from the family of the late Hon. William Brigham. Two hundred and twenty volumes were added during the present year, at a cost of \$312.10. Thirty volumes of magazines and reviews were bound. Twenty volumes were re-bound. Whole number of volumes belonging to the library at date, about 1,951.

The reading-room was well provided with periodical literature, and, if we may judge by its use, fully appreciated.

The whole number of volumes taken from the library during 1870, was ten thousand five hundred and eighty-two, or one thousand four hundred more than the previous year. The number of persons taking books was seven hundred and eleven, or six more than last year.

The number of volumes added to the library for the same time was three hundred and six, or nearly one hundred more than the preceding year. The number of volumes in the



library during 1871, was two thousand four hundred and twenty-three. Number of volumes added within the year, about one hundred and fifty. Number of volumes taken from the library during the same time, eleven thousand four hundred and seventy-five, or nearly one thousand more than last year. Number of persons who have drawn books, seven hundred and thirty, or about twenty more than the previous year. Number of books charged but not yet returned, three. Number of books taken from the library since its foundation neither charged nor returned, four, or less than one for each year.

In 1872, the trustees adopted a card system of drawing, instead of a plan, in which this library was almost alone, of going to the shelves and drawing for oneself, thereby keeping the books in better order, by less handling. Blank cards were furnished, free of cost, to every one eligible to the library; the method of using them was very simple, and was explained by the librarian. It was advisable for families to provide themselves with the published catalogues and addendas, which were obtained of the librarian at a merely nominal charge. From these, or from manuscript catalogues found in the reading-room, selections were made. For variety, for scope, for value, either in the range of the more strictly entertaining and transient, or in that of a standard and permanent literature, our library will favorably compare with that of any town of an equal population, and in which a similar library has been sustained for an equal length of time. The number of volumes in the library at this date is two thousand six hundred and seventy-three. Added during the year, two hundred and seventy-four volumes; taken out within this time, ten thousand one hundred and thirty-two volumes, by six hundred and seventy-six persons; number of books charged but not returned, six; number of books taken from the library since its organization, neither charged nor returned, nineteen.

The volumes added this year, 1873, numbered one hundred and eighty-seven. Persons taking them out, six hundred and seventy-four; volumes taken out, nine thousand four hundred and sixty; books charged but not returned, twenty-six; books unaccounted for since the founding of the library, sixteen; number of volumes in the library, two thousand eight hundred and sixty.

The additions of new works for 1874, three hundred and fifty-eight volumes, besides twenty-four volumes replaced, making the whole number of volumes purchased within the year three hundred and eighty-two; the number of persons taking books, seven hundred and eight; the number of volumes taken, eleven thousand four hundred and forty-five; the number of volumes charged but not returned, two; the number of volumes unaccounted for, five; the whole number of volumes in the library, three thousand two hundred and fifty. On the first of December, James W. White, who had held the office of librarian from the foundation of the library, was compelled by failing health and numerous duties, to tender his resignation to the board; in accepting it the trustees recognized the unfailing fidelity and courtesy with which he fulfilled its duties. The trustees secured as Mr. White's successor, the services of Mr. D. W. Norcross, whose well-known thoroughness and method were a guarantee for a like trustworthiness for the future.

Number of volumes added in 1875, two hundred and twenty-six; number of volumes replaced, twenty-nine; making a total purchase of two hundred and fifty-five volumes, with an aggregate of volumes in the library, at this date, of three thousand four hundred and sixty-two. Twelve thousand two hundred and forty-five volumes have been taken out, by seven hundred and seventy-five persons; volumes taken out and not returned, none; unaccounted for, one; new patrons, one hundred and fifty-four.

Number of volumes added in 1876, eighty-seven; replaced, seventeen; purchased, one hundred and four; in the library

at this date, three thousand four hundred and forty-five; taken out, fourteen thousand six hundred and eighty-three; number of persons drawing books, six hundred and sixty-eight; not a volume unreturned or missing; number of new members, one hundred and ten; total number of members to this date, one thousand three hundred and seventy. In addition to the aggregate of volumes in the library there is a large number of pamphlets, as well as of State and other valuable papers.

Number of volumes added in 1877, one hundred and thirty-nine; replaced, thirteen; purchased, one hundred and fifty-two; in the library at this date, three thousand five hundred and eighty-two; taken out, thirteen thousand four hundred and six; number of persons taking books, six hundred and fifty-seven; new members, fifty-six; total membership, one thousand four hundred and twenty-six; one volume is charged and not returned; four volumes are unaccounted for. Since the organization of the library, and in accordance with the vote of the trustees to gradually lessen the circulation of a given line of fictitious works, one hundred and thirty volumes have been withdrawn from the library catalogue. The trustees made the following suggestion:—

“The attention of our citizens, however, is especially called to the limited accommodations for any increase of the library beyond the current year. Every available space in the town hall is filled with its book-case, so that we shall be obliged very soon, either to furnish a building or room suitable for the library, or to stop the purchase of books. The trustees would respectfully urge some early action of the town in this respect.”

Number of volumes added in 1878, seventy eight; replaced, four; purchased, forty-eight; on the catalogue of the library, three thousand six hundred and ninety-one; taken out, eleven thousand seven hundred and sixty; number of persons taking books, six hundred and forty-nine; new members, one hundred and one; books charged and unreported, none; books unaccounted for, three. The

whole number of persons drawing books throughout the year was distributed through the town as follows:—From the Centre District, 407; Farnumsville, 40; Saundersville, 29; New England Village, 44; other outlying neighborhoods, 129. The number of new members was nearly double that of last year.

The gentle and culturing influence of books in the household, in the community, in giving scope to thought and strength to mind, in diffusing a broad and generous education, in fostering a spirit for the acquisition of useful knowledge, in its restraining and healthful energies,—these well-attested facts are proving the Free Public Library to be one of our most valuable and indispensable agents in qualifying a people to be both fitted to govern and to be governed.

#### **Sabbath-Schools.**

With this laudable means of imparting and widely diffusing religious instruction among the young, Grafton is well provided. In former days, heads of families in this as well as in other towns throughout New England, appear to have been very diligent and conscientious in teaching their children the great principles of the Christian religion and morality by frequently exercising them in the catechism then in use. In olden times every family was a Sabbath-school, and pastors of churches, too, were accustomed to consider themselves as under indispensable obligations to hear and examine the children and youth of their respective charges, at stated times, in the catechism. Since the introduction and establishment of Sabbath-schools in this town, they seem to have been welcomed here and elsewhere as a means much preferable to the catechism for instructing the young in the knowledge of Christian truth and duty, and to have displaced, in very considerable measure at least, the public catechetical exercises of former years.

Grafton contains at the present day (1879) seven distinct Sabbath schools, viz. :—

	Number of Scholars.
1. Evangelical Congregational . . . . .	168
2. First Baptist . . . . .	140
3. Congregational Unitarian . . . . .	75
4. Second Baptist . . . . .	74
5. Congregational (Saundersville) . . . . .	83
6. Freewill Baptist (Farnumsville) . . . . .	60
7. St. Phillips, Catholic . . . . .	200
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Making a total of . . . . .	800

Children and youth, who enjoy the inestimable privilege of weekly instruction in the all-important truths and duties of religion and morality, of whom a considerable proportion derive no benefit of these topics from parental teachings and example, and who, destitute of the advantage in these respects which the Sabbath-schools afford them, might be left to grow up in heathenish ignorance, the pests of civil society, and the grief of any Christian community in which they resided.

### Fire Department.

“A fire department is hereby established in the town of Grafton, subject to all the duties and liabilities and with all the powers and privileges set forth and contained in an act entitled ‘An Act to regulate fire departments,’ passed on the 9th day of April, 1839. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

House of Representatives, March 26, 1853. Passed to be enacted.  
Approved. JOHN H. CLIFFORD.”

The following was the first board of engineers :—John W. Slocomb, chief; Joshua W. Harrington, clerk; Esek Saunders, Jonathan D. Wheeler, Asa F. Smith, Erastus Fisher, Leander S. Pratt, David Jourdan, Samuel B. Doliver. Hon. A. M. Bigelow was foreman of the Rescue Company; M. M. Elliot of the Emperor; A. J. Robbins, Blackstone.

Rescue Engine Company, No. 1, Centre, consists of forty members. They have charge of a very fine Howard &



Davis hand engine, and all the apparatus usual with such a machine. Captain Henry Mann, foreman.

Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, Centre, consists of about forty members. They have a serviceable truck, well supplied with hooks, ladders, ropes, axes, etc. These two companies are located on North street.

Emperor Engine Company, No. 2, consists of forty members. Their machine is one of the Howard & Davis make. They are located in New England Village.

Blackstone Engine Company, No. 3, consists of forty members. The machine is the same as the others, a Howard & Davis. They are located in Farnumsville.

The following we clip from a report of the Engineers of the Fire Department in 1856, Hon. Jonathan D. Wheeler, chairman, relative to the companies, machines and property:—

“The citizens can feel assured that they have three powerful fire engines, in perfect order, manned by companies of superior ability, which has been practically demonstrated by two of the companies as to the power of the machines, and of their skillful management, the past year. No. 1, Rescue, attended a fireman's muster at Milford, at which a large number of machines were present, many of which were celebrated for their power and skillful management, but the superior power of the Rescue, together with its excellent management, enabled the company to bear away the first prize of sixty dollars with apparent ease. No. 2, Emperor, attended a like muster at Brookfield, and all the qualities of the Rescue, together with superior management of the company, were fully exhibited with like success, and they gallantly bore off the first prize of fifty dollars; and the Board do not hesitate to give it as their opinion, had Company No. 3, Blackstone, availed themselves of the opportunity to have visited Lowell, at the muster called there, they would certainly have borne off another prize, and would have done themselves much credit.”

The following real estate is the property of the town belonging to the Fire Department:—Three buildings, each twenty-eight by eighteen feet, two stories high; the lower story finished for the use of the machines and hose, the

upper stories finished for the convenience of the members of the companies.

### **Societies, etc.**

The General A. B. R. Sprague Post, 24, Grand Army of the Republic, was chartered September 25, 1867. The following were the officers for 1879:—William C. Fletcher, P. C.; James C. Kelley, S. V. C.; Caleb W. Wheeler, J. V. C.; James Gleason, Q. M.; Edward F. Chamberlain, Chaplain; George W. Hastings, Surgeon; John Brophy, O. D.; C. W. Aldrich, O. G.; C. Snow, S. M.; Peter Goodnow, Q. M. S.; Edward F. Chamberlain, delegate; James Gleason, alternate; Henry Mann, Adjutant.

Franklin Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was instituted March 10, 1852, and contains at the present time, 1879, eighty-four members. Benjamin F. Gibson, Master. Past Masters, Dr. Levi Rawson, Capt. John W. Slocomb, George W. Cromb, Jr., Charles B. Jencks, Willard D. Wheeler, George F. Slocomb, John W. Bigelow, Frederic Waterman, Gilbert Cummings, Silas A. Forbush, Herbert F. Allen, Andrew Kerr, J. F. Searle and M. E. Steere.

No. 98, Welcome Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, was chartered February 15, 1866. It has a membership of 250.

The Reform Club was established in June, 1876. It has a membership of nearly fifty. Richard Odium is president. The former presidents were Silas A. Forbush and Col. Charles Bigelow.

### **First National Bank.**

This Bank was organized in October, 1863, with a capital of \$100,000. Began business in January, 1864, with the following Board of Directors:—Jonathan Warren, president, Luke F. Allen, Winthrop Faulkner, Augustus Slocomb, and George F. Slocomb. John L. Ordway was the first

cashier. He resigned October 29, 1864, and Gilbert Cummings was appointed to fill his place. In June, 1870, Mr. Cummings resigned, and was succeeded by M. B. Goodell, who resigned in January, 1871, and was succeeded by A. A. Ballou, the present cashier, who entered upon his duties March 1st of that year. In March, 1866, George K. Nichols was chosen a director in the place of Augustus Slocomb, deceased. In January, 1867, Samuel C. Flagg succeeded Mr. Nichols. Horace S. Warren, in November, 1875, was chosen to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of his father, Jonathan Warren, and Mr. Slocomb, vice-president, was acting president until January, 1876, when he was made president. The officers at present are as follows:—Directors, George F. Slocomb, president; Luke F. Allen, Winthrop Faulkner, Samuel C. Flagg, Horace S. Warren; A. A. Ballou, cashier; Winthrop Faulkner, assistant cashier.

#### **Grafton Bank and Grafton National Bank.**

This Bank was incorporated March 29, 1854, and organized May 1, 1854, with a capital of \$100,000. The Directors were as follows:—John W. Slocomb, Edward B. Bigelow, Jonathan D. Wheeler, Erastus Fisher, Calvin W. Forbush and Alfred Morse. Jonathan Carey was elected cashier June 12, 1854, to begin August 1, 1854; Walter T. Sutton was elected cashier March 7, 1859, to begin April 4, 1859. Captain Slocomb resigned June 18, 1860, and the same day Ezekiel B. Stoddard was elected president. Henry F. Wing was elected cashier April 18, 1864, and began his duties April 25, 1864. Jonathan D. Wheeler was elected president October 3, 1864. February 18, 1865, organized as a National Bank, under the name of GRAFTON NATIONAL BANK, and began business April 1, 1865, with the same capital as before. The Board of Directors were as follows:—Hon. Jonathan D. Wheeler, president; Esek Saunders, Alfred Morse, William R. Hill, Samuel Harrington, Willard

D. Wheeler and John D. Warren. The present officers are as follows:—Hon. Jonathan D. Wheeler, president; Hon. Jonathan D. Wheeler, Hon. William R. Hill, George K. Nichols, Samuel Harrington and Joseph A. Dodge, directors; Henry F. Wing, cashier. The Bank has a surplus of \$17,750.

### **Savings Bank.**

This Bank was incorporated March 10, 1869, and organized March 29, 1869. The following were the officers:—President, Hon. Abraham M. Bigelow; Vice-Presidents, Esek Saunders, Edward B. Bigelow, Samuel Harrington, Seth J. Axtell, Jesse H. Smith; Trustees, Hon. Jonathan D. Wheeler, George K. Nichols, Thomas T. Griggs, W. D. Wheeler, H. C. Greenwood, A. W. Rice, John Wheeler, George F. Slocomb, Alfred Morse, Joseph Adams, Lewis W. Dodge, H. S. Warren, C. E. Whitin, J. H. Wood, S. A. Forbush and L. V. Leland; Secretary and Treasurer, Henry F. Wing. The following are the officers for 1879:—President, George K. Nichols; Vice-Presidents, Samuel Harrington, Thomas T. Griggs, Gilbert C. Taft, George F. Slocomb and Horace S. Warren; Trustees, Hon. Jonathan D. Wheeler, Joseph Adams, Ashley W. Rice, Silas A. Forbush, Silas E. Stowe, John B. White, Joseph A. Dodge, Luke F. Allen, Seth J. Axtell, Lewis W. Dodge, Luther V. Leland, Silas Vinton, Samuel C. Flagg, David White, Perley Goddard and Jonathan B. Sibley. Deposits, \$127,774.10; interest, \$5,491.80; guarantee fund, \$1,000. Secretary and Treasurer, Henry F. Wing.

### **Stages.**

The first public conveyance of any account which was run between the Boston and Worcester Railroad depot and the centre of the town, was owned by John B. White, in 1846

This line was subsequently purchased by David White and Silas Vinton, in 1852. In 1854 David White purchased Mr. Vinton's share, and continued the business until 1862, when he sold his property to Henry Holden, who, after a few years, sold to Roswell A. Smith, who continued until the Dummy Railroad was completed, in 1874, when his stages, horses, etc., were sold at auction. Previous to 1846, a one-horse carriage carried the mail and such passengers as it could. O. S. Pond, now of Worcester, and James H. Cheney, of Stow, contracted for carrying the mail prior to 1846.

#### **Telegraph Office.**

The office of the Western Union Telegraph Company was opened in this town in September of 1855, in Warren Block. The office was moved in 1878 into the Post-office building. Hon. Jonathan H. Wood has had charge of the company's business here since the opening.

#### **Political.**

In 1800, the vote of this town for Governor was as follows:—Strong, 11; Gerry, 72; Gill, 1. Lieutenant-Governor—Gill, 62; Ames, 0; Robbins, 0; scattering, 2. Senators for Worcester County—Town, 81; Brigham, 41; Stearnes, 83; Hale, 36; Taft, 81.

#### **Oldest Road.**

The oldest road in town is the Nipmuck road, over which the first settlers from Boston to the Connecticut Valley and Wethersfield passed, in 1635 and 1654. This road was subsequently known as the Hassanamisco road, and lately as the Grafton road. This road started in Worcester at



Plantation road (now Plantation street), and continued down Harrington street by the "Farms," coming out near the Half-way House, nearly opposite the Boulevard, continuing nearly to the Poor Farm, near New England Village, and into town over "Brigham Hill."

### Grafton's Centennial Celebration.

From the early move made by the town it became pretty well known that Grafton would do something towards celebrating our nation's centennial anniversary.\* The general committee of arrangements chosen at the April meeting consisted of G. K. Nichols, G. W. Fisher, S. E. Stowe, D. W. Norcross, Rev. J. H. Windsor, G. F. Jourdan, P. S. Maher and Richard Long. The sons and daughters of Grafton were invited home to participate in the exercises of this grand occasion. The schools were put to learning and rehearsing national airs, and the people generally seemed to spare no pains in making the day a success. The people seemed to realize that the old century was passing away, and an appropriate quiet reigned in our village during the evening and early night; but after the "passing" all the exuberance of young America burst forth at the birth of the new century.

Special pains were taken by many of the citizens to decorate their houses and grounds, and the abundance of "red, white and blue," attested the loyalty and devotion of Grafton people.

At 8 o'clock people begun to gather, and at sharp 9 o'clock the procession begun to be formed, under J. B. Sibley, chief marshal, which at 10 o'clock moved in the following divisions:—

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\* *Worcester Daily Spy*, July 6, 1876.

## FIRST DIVISION.

J. F. Searles, Marshal.

Shrewsbury Brass Band, H. C. Reid, leader.

84 Mounted Members of the Farmers' Club—George

W. Estabrook, President—in costume, consisting of wide-brimmed straw hats with national bands, in shirt sleeves and overalls.

A. B. R. Sprague Post, J. K. Axtell, Commander.

## SECOND DIVISION.

G. F. Jourdan, Marshal.

Rescue Fire Company, No. 1, Henry Mann, Foreman.

Emperor Fire Company, No. 2, Henry E. Brooks.

Blackstone Fire Company, No. 3, S. E. Crumb, Foreman.

## THIRD DIVISION.

P. S. Maher, Marshal.

Carriages containing the Committee of Arrangements, Officers of the Town, Clergymen, Orator, Chaplain, Reader of the Declaration.

Officers of the Day.

Invited Guests and Citizens.

## FOURTH DIVISION.

S. C. Knowles and C. H. Elliott, Marshals.

600 School Children by Schools—Each School having a Banner with Motto and Designs, and each Scholar carrying a flag.

The division was led by the High School. The banner was white bunting with a red silk back, wrought in blue and gold letters, reading "1839—1876. High School—Union and Liberty." All the banners were finely executed, and no two were alike in design or sentiment. Following the High School came the other schools. The procession marched up North street to Col. Coggs well's, counter-marching *via*. the boulevard down to Worcester street to Mrs. Brigham's, countermarching to the square, down Clark

street, through County street by Church street, down South street to Joseph Bruce's, countermarching to the common. Platforms for the orator and band had been built, and among those occupying seats upon the former were Capt. Samuel Hall, aged 90 years; Joseph Bruce, 86; Jonathan Hall, 83; Silas Forbush, 81; James Morrison, 80; and other old citizens as invited guests. H. A. Miles, D. D., Hingham; C. E. Keith, Needham; Isaac Southwick, Providence; Charles E. Miles, Jonathan Forbush, J. S. Stone, C. W. Forbush, and Charles L. Flint, Boston. At a few minutes past eleven, the chief marshal introduced the president of the day, Rev. J. H. Windsor.

After dinner the president introduced the toast-master, Mr. E. P. Capron, who, with some pleasing remarks, proceeded to dispense his "feast of reason and flow of soul" with the following sentiments:—

The Event we Celebrate, Rev. A. C. Hussey.  
 Our Country, our Whole Country, Rev. A. J. Bates.  
 The President of the United States, George K. Nichols.  
 The Congress of the United States, A. A. Ballou.  
 Our Commonwealth, Rev. H. A. Miles, D. D., Hingham.  
 New England, Charles L. Flint, Esq., Boston.  
 The Town of Grafton, S. J. Axtell.  
 Our Fathers, Capt. Benjamin Kingsbury.  
 The Citizens of Grafton in other Towns, Charles E. Miles, Boston.  
 Our Honored Dead, Rev. L. M. Sargent.  
 Our Town Officers, Hon. George F. Slocomb.  
 Public Education, F. M. McGary.  
 The Ladies, E. P. Capron.  
 The Medical Profession, Dr. W. E. Rice.  
 The Military, George P. Bigelow.  
 France, Rev. A. M. Barret.  
 The Grand Army, J. K. Axtell.

The oration was then delivered by one of the sons of Grafton, Rev. E. Frank Howe, of Terre Haute, Indiana. It was unfortunate that seats could not have been provided for all the people, but when they could stand and listen an hour and a half to an address, it is commendation enough for the excellent quality of the oration and the speaker.

**Fiftieth Anniversary of the Ladies' Sewing Circle.**

Wednesday, the 5th inst., the ladies of the sewing circle connected with the Evangelical Congregational Church and Society celebrated, with appropriate exercises, the semi-centennial of their organization. The exercises were held in the vestry of their church. The beautiful day brought a large number from abroad. They came from Newtonville, Westborough, Holliston, and a large delegation from Worcester, while many, whose years and feebleness keep them generally within doors at this season, ventured out to the reunion, so that there were nearly 200 present—forty from abroad, and five of the original members.

At 12 o'clock over 160 sat down to the dinner. The social cheer, and the quiet joy of many of the aged members, as they thus came together for the first time in such a connection, was one of the pleasing features of the day. A centre-table was set apart for those ladies whose ripe years and general feebleness entitled them to extra care. This table, at which about thirty sat down, was one of the marked features at the dinner. The united ages at this table would exceed 2,000 years. After an hour spent in partaking of an excellent collation, Miss Carrie Flagg was called upon to preside as toast-mistress. The toasts, which abounded in keen wit, called out frequent and hearty applause. The history was a succinct and very carefully wrought sketch of the rise, progress and work of the organization. From this it appears that the society was originally styled a "Charitable Society." It then held its meetings near the spot now occupied by Forbush & Brown's shop. Subsequently it received the title of the "Young Ladies' Sewing Circle." Its mission of Christian love and labor was wholly, or in part, the ministry of four pastors, viz.:—Rev. Messrs. Searle, Wilde, Biscoe and Windsor. Its benevolences have gone to the foreign missionary field, Rev. Dr. Goodell's family having at one time been a recipient of its fellowship of service. It has sustained colporteurs, theological students, and in later

years worked almost wholly for home missionaries. During these fifty years the society has sent forty-five barrels or boxes to missionary families, and have made a total contribution to the missionary cause of more than \$7,000. Its aggregate membership is 370. Its present list numbers sixty, of which eighteen are gentlemen. The mortuary sketch was very impressive. As one after another from among the list was alluded to, the falling tear and tender countenance gave their response. The necrology list numbered ninety-six; of these nine were gentlemen. The paper was an able production, and should be put, as indeed the entire programme of exercises, into published, permanent form.\* A society that can give such a history, covering so long a period of uninterrupted and harmonious co-labor, is worthy of more than such a fragmentary report as this. The historian closed his sketch as follows:—"Fifty years ago this circle was united to benevolence. Their union has never been regretted, discord has never come between them. Engraven on the wedding ring are these words: 'The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law.'"†

#### Saundersville.

Saundersville is situated in this town, on the line between Grafton and Sutton, upon the Blackstone River. This is one of the many manufacturing villages that have sprung up so suddenly in our State, within the past fifty years. It is nestled cosily among the surrounding highlands, presenting a landscape very beautiful and picturesque, especially in the summer. Mr. David Wilkinson began here with a small cotton-mill, in 1829. In 1835, the three brothers Saunders purchased the privilege, together with most of the territory now included in the village. They found 1,000 spindles and twenty-four looms in two wooden buildings, and but four dwellings. They soon erected a large and very hand-

\* This has since been done. † *Worcester Daily Spy*, March, 1879.



some stone mill, 175 feet long and 51 feet wide, three stories high, with an ell 78 by 38, and a porch and tower 24 by 18, five stories high. The capacity of this mill is 12,000 spindles and 210 looms, employing 200 operatives. There are now in the village nearly fifty houses, and a population of about six hundred. There is also in the village a grist-mill, with two runs of stones and a bolter; a blacksmith shop with three forges; a wheelwright shop; and one store. The Saunders Cotton Mill Company, of which Esek Saunders, Esq., is the principal shareholder, have a fine farm of two hundred acres, on which eight or ten men are employed. There are a large number of cows, and nearly all the milk and the vegetables for the village are here provided. There is a boarding-house, where many of those employed in the mill are boarded. The company have the principal control of the village, and it is one of the most quiet and orderly places on the week day and the Sabbath to be found in New England. The village is noted for its cleanliness. For thirty-three years there have been only two cases where the police has been called to settle quarrels. The Sabbath is perfectly quiet; no boys or young men are seen playing ball, or in any manner preventing the peaceful observance of the day. There is a fine library in the village, to which Mr. Saunders has given \$1,000, that is accessible to all. The Congregational Church is the only one in the village.

About two-thirds of the operatives in the mill are Irish and French. Many of the former are Protestants, and they have a little church of their own at Wilkinsonville, about half a mile west. The Protestant and Catholic Irish live together—many occupying tenements in the same building—very harmoniously.

**Esek Saunders, Esq.,**

Has been a remarkably busy, enterprising man. He was born in Scituate, R. I., May 21st, 1800. He is the son of Ebenezer and Deborah (Howard) Saunders. He left home

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RESIDENCE OF ESEK SAUNDERS, ESQ.

Boston.





at the unripe age of eight years, and always lived away from his parents after that time. At sixteen years of age he became connected with the extensive staging and express business between Newburyport and Boston, owned by the Eastern Stage Company. Here he remained for over seventeen years. The books of this corporation are now in the possession of the Essex Institute, Salem. The main route of the old stage company, in the winter of 1818, is sketched as follows:—

“A coach left Portsmouth for Boston at 9 A. M., running through, dining at Topsfield, then through Danversport and Salem to Boston, and back the same way the following day, dining at Newburyport. The company became prosperous, having in 1828 substantial stables at all the chief points on the route, and owning hotels, or a controlling interest in them, at Boston, Newburyport, Exeter and Dover. Its shares were at a premium of fifty dollars, and semi-annual dividends of eight per cent. were paid to the holders. What, indeed, of the hundred and fifty good, sound, trusty men, who from first to last, drove stages over these routes in the employ of regular or opposition lines! Men who combined energy and good-nature in a ratio not likely to be developed by any vocation now in vogue—men who cracked their joke as they swung their whip—men who knew what it is vouchsafed us to know of that fascinating uncertainty, the horse, and supplemented this with a wonderfully shrewd appreciation of human nature.”\*

Mr. Saunders left this company in September, 1833. Large numbers of the business men of Boston, in those days, and the students of Harvard University, as well as others, will remember him as the careful, gentlemanly, *tee-total* stage driver, who so often and so safely conveyed them to and from the town of Boston. His acquaintance, while engaged in that employment, and since he has been so successfully connected with manufacturing interests, and also while a member of our State Legislature, has been very extensive. So much at home does he feel here in this cosy little village, that he has had so much agency in creating, that he has erected for his permanent residence a new and

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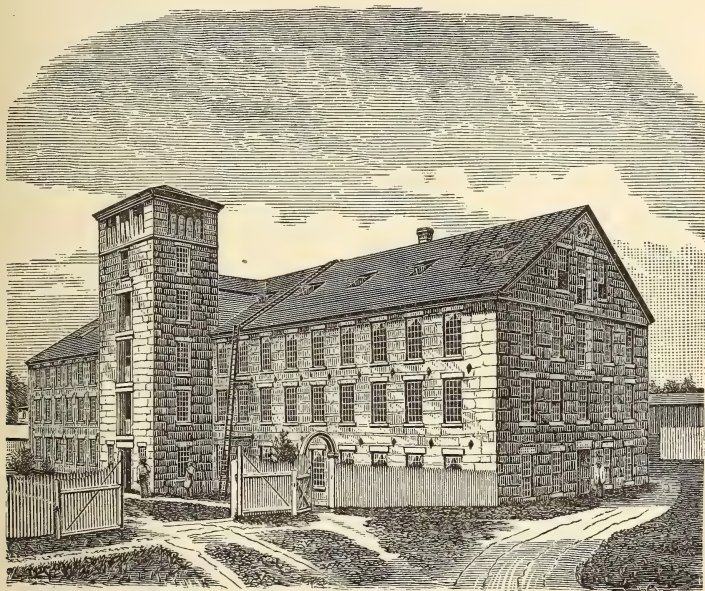
\* R. S. Rantoul, Esq., in Historical Collections of the Essex Institute.

splendid mansion. It is three stories, with an observatory, all finished in massive black walnut, with panels in various places of chestnut, and containing all the modern conveniences. It is situated near the bank of the river, and near his mill, and surrounded with pleasant grounds, artistically laid out, and filled with the choicest shrubs and flowers, ornamental and fruit trees, and elegant fountains—an establishment that would grace any of the surroundings of a city.

Mr. Saunders was first married, July 21, 1825, at South Deerfield, Mass., to Minerva Boyden, daughter of Daniel and Lucy W. Boyden, and began housekeeping in Newburyport, Mass. Children :—

1. EMILY B., b. July 19, 1826; m. Oct., 1850, to William H. Jourdan, of Grafton. She d. Sept. 19, 1872, leaving one son, WILLIAM SAUNDERS. Mr. Jourdan was one of the first conductors on the Providence and Worcester railroad, and for nearly ten years had the charge of the company's interest in Worcester. For a number of years past he has been engaged in the wholesale and retail coal business, having an office in the Lincoln House block. He has held important offices of trust and honor in the city in which he has resided most of the time since his marriage, and is one of its successful business men. His father still resides here in Grafton.
2. HARRIET M., b. Oct. 23, 1828; m. June, 1853, John D. Chollar, who was born in Killingly, Conn., April 20, 1829. She d. Oct. 8, 1865. He resided in Worcester in 1849, as clerk in a store, and in 1857-8-9, he had charge of the store in Saundersville. He returned to Worcester where he has since resided and conducted an extensive furniture business. His only child was JOHN H.
3. MINERVA, b. Nov. 3, 1833; m. Sept. 12, 1855, Robert W. Taylor, d. Jan. 24, 1865. She d. Dec. 21, 1864, leaving one son, BRADFORD V. They resided in Providence, R. I.

Mr. Saunders m. 2nd., June 6, 1867, Margie R. White, daughter of Dea. Washington and Lydia White, of Saundersville, formerly of Northbridge.



SAUNDERS' MILL, AT SAUNDERSVILLE.

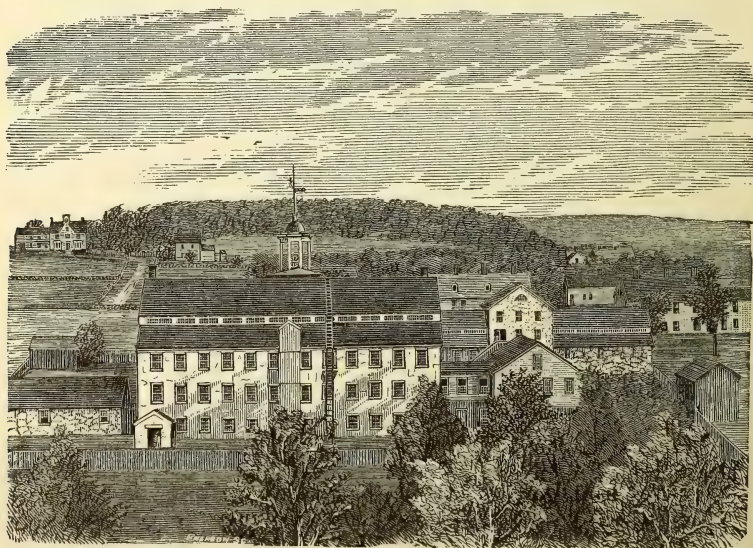
**Business in New England Village.**

In the year 1825, September 26th, William Hovey, of Worcester, conveyed to Darius B. Holbrook and Charles P. Dexter, merchants and co-partners, of Boston, and to Levi Merriam and Levi Brigham, merchants and co-partners, of Boston, the upper water privilege in New England Village, upon which Hovey had built a dam to supply the Blackstone Canal with water, then and now known as the Hovey Dam, together with about one hundred acres of land, lying on both sides of the river. In the month of February, 1826, Holbrook and Dexter purchased the remaining water power and connected real estate, of Lewis Thayer, of Grafton, and Adam Harrington, of Shrewsbury, the privilege next below the Hovey Dam, now known as the Middle privilege, on which was a small "fulling-mill" of John Putnam, the



privilege on which now stands the Lower Stone Mill—then used as a saw and grist-mill privilege—of George W. Putnam, the Scythe Shop privilege next below, now called the Grist-mill privilege, of Albert Stone, about one hundred and twenty-five acres of land adjoining the mill premises—and of Gardner Wheelock, certain land and buildings also adjoining.

On the 22d day of March, 1826, Holbrook and Dexter conveyed to the New England Manufacturing Company, from which corporation the Village took its name, all the property thus purchased of Hovey and others, and the company immediately proceeded to erect the stone factory building now known as the Upper Mill, and other buildings and tenement-houses. The mill was filled with linen machinery, and under the superintendence of Thomas A. Dexter, Esq., the manufacture of twines and bagging was carried on for some years.



UPPER MILL, AT NEW ENGLAND VILLAGE.

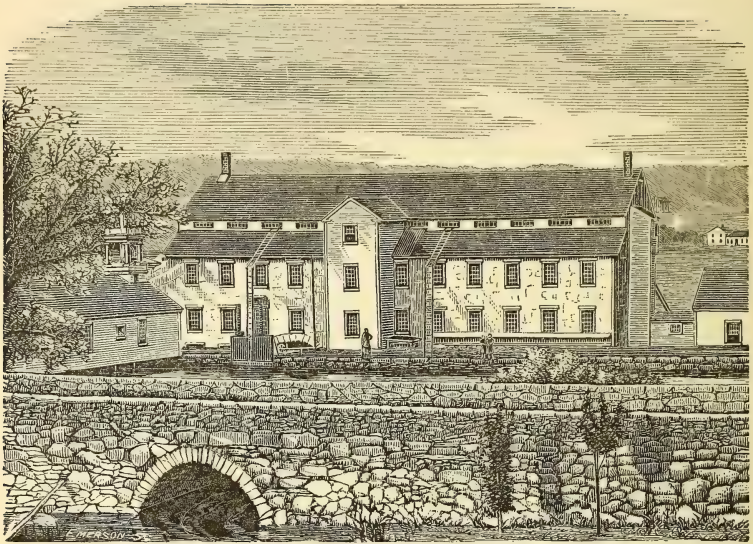
On the 30th day of April, 1831, the New England Company closed up its business and conveyed all its property in the Village to the Grafton Manufacturing Company, a corporation created by special charter March 12th, 1830, "for the purpose of manufacturing at Grafton, cotton, woolen, linen and other goods." The persons named in the act of incorporation, were Samuel Cabot, Israel Thorndike and Robert G. Shaw; Samuel Cabot was president, and Richard C. Cabot, treasurer.

On the 31st day of August, 1831, the Grafton Manufacturing Company sold to Cyrus Leland and Joseph Batchelder the saw and grist-mill privilege formerly owned by John Putnam. Leland and Batchelder proceeded to erect the Lower Stone Mill and two blocks of tenement-houses.

The death of Mr. Leland soon after, resulted in the sale of this property to Edward H. Robbins, Esq., physician, of Boston, who filled the mill with cotton machinery, and continued the manufacture of cotton cloth until the premises were leased to A. F. Smith and C. M. Pratt in 1843. In 1844, Smith & Pratt leased the Upper Mill property of the Grafton Manufacturing Company, which had previously been occupied under lease by Chase, Luther & Co., and Harvey and Samuel B. Chase, for the manufacture of cotton goods (the linen machinery having been previously taken out and sold)—and filled the mill with new cotton machinery. They continued the business at both mills, until the year 1854, when the Grafton Manufacturing Company assumed the business at the Upper Mill and continued it until 1857.

The property in 1858, passed into the hands of Lee Claflin, of Hopkinton, who continued the business. In 1862, the property was purchased by the Grafton Mills, a corporation which carried on the business at both mills for about fourteen (14) years, until the fall of 1875. The Upper Mill property is now (1879) owned by Franklin Baldwin, of New England Village, and the Lower Mill property by the Washington Mills Emery Company.

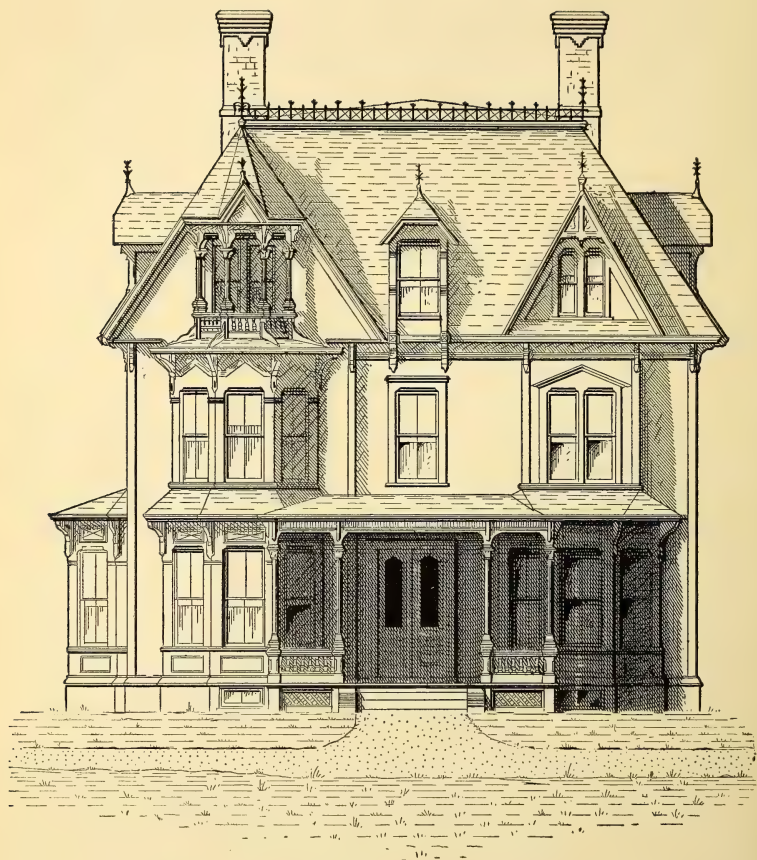




WASHINGTON EMERY MILL, AT NEW ENGLAND VILLAGE.

ETHAN ALLEN, the well-known inventor and manufacturer of revolving fire-arms, first began business in New England Village in 1832, as a manufacturer of pocket cutlery, but soon engaged in making pistols. He preceded Colt in this business, and one of his earliest inventions was the "pepper-box revolver." He removed to Worcester and formed a co-partnership with his brother-in-law, Hon. Charles Thurber, and in 1837, their business was removed to Norwich, Conn. They returned to Worcester in 1845, and hired power and rooms of W. T. Merrifield, Esq. In 1854, they were burned out by the disastrous fire of June 14th. During the latter portion of his life he was in partnership with his sons-in-law, Sullivan Forehand and H. C. Wadsworth, and their business was conducted with eminent success. By his inventive skill, his resolute perseverance and his unwearied industry he accumulated a handsome property.





RESIDENCE OF JASPER S. NELSON, ESQ.

He once said to a friend: "Some persons envy me what they consider my prosperity. But they would not be willing to pay for it, what I have paid. I commenced business with a capital of \$12. I often went hungry that I might save the price of a meal. I dressed as none of the mechanics, that I see about me, would do."

The manufacture of shoes at the "Depot," so-called, was commenced November 1st, 1848, by James S. Stone of Boston, a native and former resident of Grafton. Jasper S. Nelson, who had previously manufactured for three years in Shrewsbury, was employed by Mr. Stone to take charge of the manufactory here, which was at this time located in a building owned by Squire Allen, recently used for the manufacture of valentines by Messrs. Taft & Son. In 1850, Messrs. Stone & Nelson purchased the real estate formerly owned by Solomon Brigham, which had been erected for a livery stable, and which they converted into a shoe factory. The business was continued under the same management until November 1st, 1857, at which time Mr. Nelson purchased the property and continued the manufacture of shoes at the same place. January 1st, 1869, George H. Rugg, who had been in Mr. Nelson's employ for a number of years, was admitted as partner. In 1873, Mr. Nelson's son, Charles H. Nelson, was also admitted to the firm. January 1st, 1877, Mr. Rugg disposed of his interest to the other partners, and the business has since been conducted by Jasper S. Nelson & Son.

The factory, which was originally 30x45, two stories high, has been enlarged by Mr. Nelson, as his trade has increased to a large extent. The present building being 30x104, three stories high, with French roof. The firm also use steam power, having put in a twenty-horse-power steam engine, of the Haskins Manufacturing Company's make, of Fitchburg. The firm gives employment to nearly 200 operatives. The Boston office is at 22 High street.

Mr. Nelson, the senior partner, who has so successfully



managed the business for this long time, was born in Shrewsbury, June 2, 1822, the son of Josiah and Sophia (Goddard) Nelson. Married in Shrewsbury, October 31, 1848, Mary E., daughter of Gardner Wheelock. (See Genealogy Wheelock family). Their children :—

EMMA E., b. July 31, 1849 ; d. December 3, 1865.

CHARLES H., b. January, 1852 ; unmarried ; resides with his father.

CARRIE G., b. September 24, 1855 ; d. July 9, 1869.

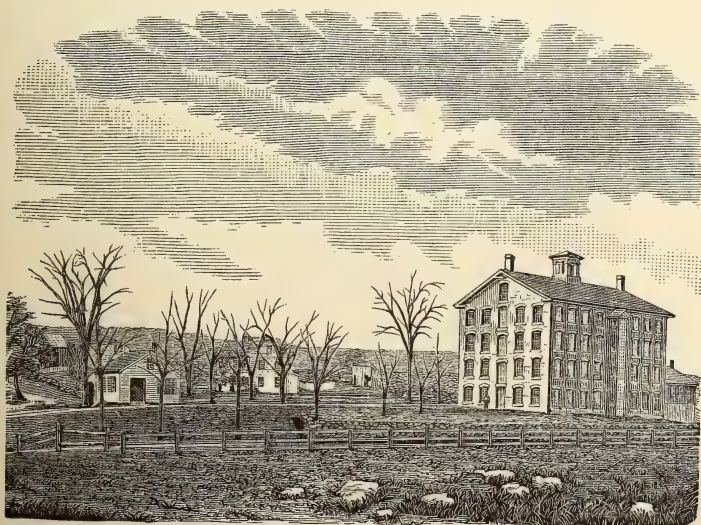
Mr. Nelson, by his close attention to business, strict integrity, and enterprise, has succeeded in accumulating a handsome property. He was selectman for two years, and representative to the General Court in 1870-71. His residence, shown in another part of the book, is one of the handsomest and finest in town.

#### **Business in Centreville.**

A mill was erected here by a stock company, composed of Hon. Samuel Wood, Joseph Batchelder, Royal Keith, Colonel Mason of Medfield, and a son-in-law of the latter, named Tucker. Before the mill was entirely completed Gerry Putnam, of New England Village, used the lower floor, in which he manufactured satinets. Thomas Tucker was superintendent here several years, while the mill was run by the stock company. In 1844, or thereabouts, the company sold the mill and privilege to Waterman A. Fisher, who disposed of it to Leander S. Pratt and Benjamin Kingsbury, in 1846. In the spring of the following year, 1847, a division was made of the property, Mr. P. taking the mill and privilege, and Mr. K. the grist and saw-mills. In 1860, or thereabouts, Mr. Pratt purchased the mills of Mr. Kingsbury. The saw-mill was taken down prior to 1870, and the grist-mill was used as a waste-house until it was consumed by fire. The mill, at this time, contained thirty-two looms



and preparation ; its utmost capacity being 7,000 yards per week ; but by changing and adding more machinery this amount was increased to 10,000 yards per week. This wooden building was destroyed by fire in April, 1861. The following year, 1862, the present brick building was erected. This is 82 by 44, four stories high. In 1875, a new brick picker-house was built, 40 by 22, one story. In September, 1877, a new dam was built in place of the old one. At this time most of the old machinery was taken out and replaced by that of new and improved manufacture from the Whitins' and Lowell machine manufactories. The present capacity of the mill, known as Pratt's mill, on Quinsigamond river, the outlet of Quinsigamond lake, is nine feet head and fall, with American turbine wheel, built by Stout, Mills & Temple, of Dayton, Ohio ; seventy-five horse power ; sixty-four forty-inch looms and preparations, producing 80,000 yards per month of thirty-seven and thirty-eight and



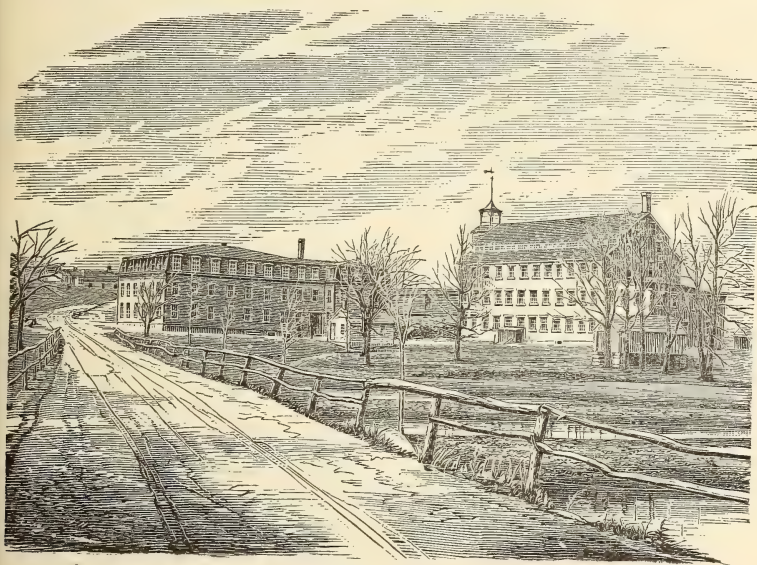
THE PRATT MILL, AT CENTREVILLE.

one-half inch goods, known as "Quaker" sheeting, 38,000 yards of which, in red, white and blue, were used to decorate the Coliseum building in Boston, at the World's Peace Jubilee, in 1872.

### **Fisherville.**

The first start in manufacturing, at this place, was made by Timothy McNamara, who, having purchased the land where the mills now stand of Moses Sherman, and the water power rights of Austin Holbrook, in 1830 began work upon the dam, building it jointly with the Blackstone Canal Company, they using it as a feeder for their canal. At this point, in 1831, he sold his rights to a company composed of Peter Farnum, Luther Wright and Daniel Pitts, called the Canal Cotton Company, who at once began building the factory, a four-story brick building, 84 by 44, which was completed and in full operation, with sixty looms and the necessary preparation, in the fall of 1832. It was operated by this company until 1842, when Peter Farnum and W. A. Fisher, who had been connected with it from its first start, bought the property of the company and run it jointly until 1845, when W. A. Fisher bought out Peter Farnum's interest, and the same year sold Erastus Fisher one-quarter, and the following year a second quarter. They, as W. A. Fisher & Co., continued until 1857, when E. Fisher bought the remaining one-half. In the following spring he sold one-quarter interest to Henry D. Fisher. Up to this time no changes had been made in the buildings or machinery. In 1859 they built an addition to the mill, 44 by 25, two stories, and on the site of the canal locks a building which was used as a grist-mill until 1864, when this machinery was removed and replaced by cotton machinery, and the number of looms increased from 60 to 106. In 1868, E. Fisher transferred one-quarter each to George W. Fisher and Albert L. Fisher, the firm name being E. Fisher & Sons. In 1869, the frame mill was enlarged to its present size, 100 by

55, three stories, and the capacity increased to 160 looms and the necessary preparation. The annual consumption of cotton is 400,000 pounds, producing 1,500,000 yards of cloth.



FISHER'S MILL.

#### **Business in Farnumsville.**

In 1827, Peter Farnum & Sons built a stone mill 74x36, four stories high, with a wooden ell 40x30, two stories high. The main mill was filled with four sets of satinnet machinery, and the ell was used for manufacturing shuttles. Very soon a company was formed called the "Grafton Woolen Company," composed of Farnum, Wright & Pitts; Peter Farnum, agent. In 1830, the mill was burned and a brick structure took its place 84x36, four stories high, with four sets of machinery, sixteen satinnet and twelve broad looms, and was run April 1, 1831, by the Blackstone Woolen Company, Messrs. Farnum, Wright & Phillips; C. B. Long,

agent. This company failed in the fall of 1842. The mill was started up again by Farnum & Houghton; S. Houghton, agent, who run it till December 31, 1842, when the mill was again burned. In 1844, the mill was re-built of brick 42x100, four stories high, and filled with cotton machinery, seventy-five looms, and started up by Messrs. Houghton, Wright & Buffum.

Soon after Alfred Morse bought the interest in the property of Messrs. Houghton & Buffum, and run under the firm name of Wright & Morse till 1857, when they bought the mill of John Farnum, and continued the business till 1860, when A. Morse bought out Wright and run the mill till 1870. He then took into partnership with him, his son, James A. Morse.

A. Morse died very soon after this but the business was continued by James A., under the firm name of A. Morse & Son, till the fall of 1873, when owing to the "hard times" and consequent financial embarrassment, the mill was stopped.

In September, 1874, the mill was bought at auction by Peter Simpson, Jr., John Rhodes and William H. Andrews, who formed a company under the name of the "Farnumsville Cotton Mills," William H. Andrews, president; John Rhodes, treasurer; P. Simpson, Jr., agent, by whom the mill has since been operated.

This company have built an addition of 100 feet to the mill, making it 200x42 feet, four stories, with ell 30x50 feet, two stories. Eight thousand spindles, 200 looms, being the present running capacity.

#### Lawyers.

ERASMUS BABBITT.—Probably the first lawyer who ever practised in this town was Erasmus Babbitt, who was the son of Dr. Thomas Babbitt, the son of the second practising physician in Sturbridge. Erasmus was born in Sturbridge, July 2, 1765, and entered Harvard University, from which institu-



tion he was graduated in 1790. He married Mary, the seventh daughter and ninth child of Thomas and Lucy (Smith) Saunders, of Gloucester. He removed to Boston from Grafton, and died June 30, 1816, leaving two daughters; Mary Eliza, one of the daughters, married Elkahan Cushman, and her eldest child was Charlotte Saunders Cushman, the celebrated actress.

HARRY WOOD was born in Grafton, and died here August, 1838. He did not receive a collegiate education, and for some time resided in Maine. He finally returned to this town and practised law until his death. His office is now the residence of Silas A. Pierce. He served the town in many offices of trust and honor, and was representative a number of years.

JOSEPH B. CALDWELL, graduated at Harvard University in 1802, the son of William Caldwell, Esq., sheriff of Worcester County from 1793 to 1805, was born in Rutland; studied with Hon. Nathaniel Paine; practised in Grafton in 1809; Worcester in 1810; Rutland in 1812. He returned to Worcester in 1813, and died there in that year.

CHARLES A. HOLBROOK was born in Grafton, December 6, 1827, and received as thorough an education as could be obtained in the schools in the vicinity; studied law with Lorenzo Leland, Esq., and afterwards entered the office of Calvin E. Pratt, Esq., of Worcester, and was admitted to the bar December, 1857, when he formed a co-partnership in business with Mr. Pratt, which continued for one year. He practised in Worcester until his death in May, 1876, with success.

WILLIAM ELLIAH GREEN was a son of Dr. John Green the first, of Worcester, by his second wife, Mary Ruggles, a daughter of Brigadier-General Timothy Ruggles, of Sandwich, afterwards of Hardwick.

He was born at Green Hill, in Worcester, January 31, 1777. He married first Abigail Nelson, daughter of Josiah



Nelson, of Milford; second, Lucy Merriam, daughter of Deacon Joseph Merriam, of Grafton; third, Julia Plimpton, daughter of Oliver Plimpton, Esq., of a section of Sturbridge now included in Southbridge; fourth, Elizabeth D. Collins, a widow. Mr. Green survived his last wife, but she is now dead. He was first called William, and after the death of his brother Elijah he assumed the middle name. By his first wife he had one child, the late Judge William Nelson Green, of Worcester; by his second marriage one child, Miss Lucy Merriam Green, who was born in Grafton, and was for many years teacher and proprietor in connection with her sister Mary, of a young ladies' seminary, No. 1 Fifth Avenue, New York; and by his third marriage nine children, of whom seven survive.

Among the latter are Hon. Andrew Haswell Green, late comptroller of the city of New York, and Dr. Samuel Fiske Green, for many years a missionary physician in the service of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, in the Island of Ceylon.

Mr. Green graduated at Brown University in 1798, and after visiting the city of New York studied law with Judge Edward Bangs, of Worcester. He was admitted to the bar in 1801, and began to practice at Grafton, where he resided. Returning to Worcester he became a partner in the practice of the law with Judge Bangs. This partnership continued until the appointment of the latter gentleman to a place on the bench, in 1811. Mr. Green was afterwards connected in the law practice with Edward D. Bangs, Esq., until 1816.

As a lawyer he was well read and astute in developing the strong points of causes entrusted to him.

During the latter portion of his life, Mr. Green was not in active practice.

He continued, with an occasional visit to other parts of the country, to reside at his farm at Green Hill, upon which were exhibited the results of a marked fondness for farming.

His experiments with new fertilizers and new implements were at the time the subject of very wide interest. He is believed to have been the first to use plaster in the county as a fertilizer, and had it drawn by teams from Boston, and reduced on his farm to a fit form for use.

Mr. Green was one of the foremost promoters of the Blackstone Canal.

He was for many years captain of the Worcester Light Infantry, and a volunteer of the war of 1812.

He was one of the earliest advocates of the temperance reform, and a zealous worker for the establishment and elevation of the public schools.

He was alike affable to those of all conditions, most persevering in the accomplishment of his purpose, and unsubmissive to what he deemed unjust.

He died at Green Hill at the age of 88 years, in the room in which he was born, and is remembered as a man of wide hospitality, and of great geniality and cheerfulness.

SAMUEL H. ALLEN was born in Mendon, Mass., in the year 1790, and studied law in his native town. After his admission to the bar of Worcester County, he commenced the practice of law in that part of Mendon called Millville, now a part of the town of Blackstone, and continued to reside there until 18—, when he removed to the town of Grafton, where he resided and pursued his professional labors until his decease, April 21, 1864.

Mr. Allen was a well read lawyer, and pursued his labors with great industry, and was persistent in pressing his causes to the last. He seldom gave up a cause until successful, or, until he reached the "last ditch" if unsuccessful. He was enabled by industry and frugality to accumulate a considerable property.

Mr. Allen lived and died a bachelor.

He was fond of literary pursuits and took a lively interest in the lyceum, when that institution was looked upon as a public educator, and frequently served on committees on

lectures and books. He was conservative in his political, social and literary views and opinions. He eschewed modern books, especially if they partook of the nature of so-called "light literature." Addison and Lord Bacon were favorite authors of his. He was especially fond of *The Spectator*, and of the essays and legal writings of Lord Bacon, and would cite the latter with great reverence with a "My Lord Bacon says." . . .

Mr. Allen had a ready wit, and at times would rival "Lord Bacon's apothegms." On one occasion he served on a lecture committee of the lyceum with a Mr. B. and others. Mr. B. was the opposite of Mr. Allen in his views generally, being radical where the latter was conservative. It was at a time when the appearance of a lady on the lecture platform was a novelty, to say the least. The question arose, when the committee came to consider the subject of making up their list of lectures for the course, whether they would invite a lady as one of the lecturers. Mr. B. favored it, and Mr. Allen opposed with much warmth. As the discussion went on it partook of something of a personal character, in which the single life of Mr. Allen was alluded to as having something to do with his opposition, and in a way that provoked a laugh at his expense. Mr. Allen complained that he was not treated just as he ought to be, when his opponent accused him of beginning the personalities, and said "you began to throw swill"—to which Mr. Allen replied as quick as thought, "I never throw swill unless I see bristles." This equalized the laugh, in which Mr. B. engaged as heartily as any one, and the committee were enabled to go on with their labors pleasantly again.

This tendency of Mr. Allen occasionally brought him in conflict with the court before whom he was trying causes, especially a magistrate's court. On one occasion the court ruled against him as to the admissibility of certain testimony, but, notwithstanding this ruling, Mr. Allen persisted

in introducing the excluded testimony, when his honor remarked with some sternness, "Mr. Allen, I have ruled that that evidence is inadmissible." Mr. Allen remarked aside, but so that the court heard the remark, "that is owing to the supreme ignorance of this court." But this time the thrust came near costing something, as it was only by a generous apology that he saved himself the penalty of a contempt of court.

WILLIAM A. CRAFTS was born in Roxbury, Mass., in 1819, graduated at Harvard College in 1840, and soon after being admitted to the bar opened an office in Grafton, but after a few months removed to Boston. Was president of the Common Council of Roxbury three years, and represented that city in the Legislature in 1853, 1854 and 1861. Was assistant clerk of the House of Representatives for several years, and has been clerk of the Board of Railroad Commissioners since its first establishment in 1869. Has given some attention to journalism, and is the author of a contemporaneous "History of the Southern Rebellion," and of "Pioneers in the Settlement of America," both published as illustrated serials.

WILLIAM F. SLOCUM. One of Grafton's prominent and valuable men was Mr. Slocum, who was born at Tolland, Mass., January 31st, 1822; the eldest son of Oliver E. and Polly Slocum.

He was admitted to the Bar in Berkshire County, October, 1846, and commenced the practice of law at Grafton in the following December, and continued in practice there until 1866, when he formed a co-partnership with Hon. H. B. Staples, present District-Attorney for Worcester County. They opened an office in Boston, but Mr. S. continued his residence in Grafton until 1869, when he removed to Newton, Mass.

About this time he became associated in business with a new firm, composed of Mr. Staples and F. P. Goulding,

Esq., of Worcester, where the business was carried on in the name of Staples & Goulding, and in Boston, under the name of Slocum & Staples. This arrangement continued until 1871, when this firm dissolved, Mr. Slocum taking the Boston business and Staples & Goulding the business of the firm in Worcester.

In October of 1871, Mr. Slocum's oldest son, Winfield S. Slocum, was admitted to the bar, and immediately became associated with him in business, under the firm name of W. F. & W. S. Slocum, and their present place of business is at 328 Washington street, Boston.

While in Grafton, Mr. S. had a large practice from most of the towns in the southeasterly part of Worcester County, and was engaged in very many of the most important cases in that section.

The reports of the decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court of the State show that he argued quite a number of cases before the full bench, in many of which important questions of law and practice were discussed and settled. Many of the decisions resulting from these will remain very valuable in the courts. Mr. S. united marked ability with the most thorough preparation of his cases, before going into court.

He represented the town very ably in the Legislature, in 1861, and was on the school committee for a number of years; and was also on the Board of Selectmen, and served at times as chairman of both boards.

Mr. Slocum's excellent judgment, together with his independence of action and his sterling integrity of character, made him one of the very valuable citizens in all of the interests of the town.

Mr. Slocum gave his sons a liberal education, sending three of them through Amherst College. His second son, Edward T., is practising law at Lee, Mass., and his third son, William F., Jr., is a clergyman, and settled over the Union Amesbury and Salisbury Congregational Church.



His youngest son, Henry O., died at Newtonville, at the age of twenty-three, in 1878.

COL. JOSEPH A. TITUS was born in Leicester, January 21, 1838. In 1854, at the age of sixteen years, he removed to Grafton, and lived with Hon. E. B. Bigelow, working for E. B. Bigelow & Co., in the boot business. He remained in Grafton three years and a half, and then attended the Leicester Academy a year and a half, finishing his preparation for college.

He then entered Amherst College in the year 1859, and was graduated in 1863. In 1862, August 20th, he enlisted and served in the Forty-second Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, and served for the term of nine months.

During his college course he taught the Centre District school in Shrewsbury, and after his term of service in the Forty-second Regiment he taught school one winter in North Brookfield; then taught the High School in Leicester for two years, except for five months in the autumn of 1864, when he was again in military life, holding the commission of 2nd and 1st lieutenant in Company F, Sixtieth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers. After his term of teaching in Leicester, he removed to Worcester and commenced the study of law; was admitted to practice in January, 1868, and opened an office in Worcester, where he now resides. Since he has been in Worcester he has been in the Massachusetts militia, as captain of the Worcester City Guards, for about four years. Afterwards served as Assistant Inspector-General and Assistant Adjutant-General, on the staff of Brigadier-General Robert H. Chamberlain, commanding Third Brigade, M. V. M.

In 1873, served as a member of the House of Representatives in Massachusetts Legislature.

For about five years was Associate Justice of the Municipal Court of Worcester; until the organization of the present Central District Court.

JOHN McILVENE was born January 27th, 1850, at Glaser ton, near Wigton, Scotland. Came to the United States in 1856; was educated in the public schools of East Abington (now Rockland), Mass. While preparing for admission to the bar, taught school about four years with a good degree of success.

Read law under direction of J. B. Harris and F. F. Fay, of Athol, and L. W. Pierce, of Winchendon, and was admitted to the bar at Worcester, at the December term of the Superior Court, in 1875. Commenced practice at Spencer, where, after a short time, he suffered the loss by fire of his library, etc. Then removed to this town in January, 1876, where he has since resided.

#### Physicians.

DR. WILLIAM LAMB.

DR. JOSEPH WOOD; see Genealogy.

DELANO PIERCE, M. D.; see Genealogy.

THOMAS T. GRIGGS, M. D.; see Genealogy.

HENRY PARKER, M. D., son of William Parker, was born in Worcester, in 1786. Studied with Dr. Eaton, of Dudley, and Dr. Green, of Worcester, and attended medical lectures in Boston.

Commenced practice in 1811, in Grafton, and continued there about forty-six years, when he removed to Worcester. Dr. Parker married first, Catharine, daughter of Lemuel Davis, Esq., of Holden; second, Maria W. Norris, of Salem.

DR. WILLIAM THORNTON, the son of Stephen and Philena Thornton, was born in Gloucester, R. I. He graduated from Bowdoin College, Maine, and settled in New England Village about 1830, where he resided in the practice of his profession until his death, in 1862.

WATSON E. RICE, M. D., was born in Shrewsbury, Mass., December 15th, 1846, the son of Rev. Gardner Rice. He

fitted for college under his father, and then followed the profession of teaching for four years. Subsequently, beginning the study of medicine under Dr. W. F. Breakey, of Ann Arbor, Mich., he entered the University of Michigan in September, 1869, and was graduated from that institution March 27th, 1872, and settled at New England Village June 14th, 1872. Was married June 23rd, 1875, to Emma F. Pierce.

F. A. JEWETT, M. D., son of Dea. Henry Jewett, of Pepperell, Mass., and brother of Dr. H. A. Jewett, Rev. J. E. B. Jewett and Charles F. Jewett, was born September 6th, 1824, the third of the four brothers. After a series of years spent in his preparatory studies, teaching, and in connection with Dr. N. Cutter's Insane Asylum in Pepperell, he entered the medical department of Harvard University, from which he graduated March 1st, 1852.

Soon after graduating he commenced the practice of medicine in Abington, Plymouth County, Mass., where he continued for seven years, when he removed to Shrewsbury, Worcester County, Mass., where he continued for eleven years, when he removed to Grafton, where he now is located in the practice of his profession.

After being in practice two years, he married Harriet C., daughter of Dea. Joseph Torrey, of South Weymouth.

The physician at present residing in Saundersville, is FORD KENDRICK, M. D. He was born March 10, 1851, in Rowe, Mass., where he spent the first twenty years of his life. In 1872, his father, H. A. Kendrick, removed to Sutton. He then began the study of medicine with Dr. G. C. Webber, of Millbury, and after pursuing courses of study at the Medical School of Maine, and the medical department of the University of the City of New York, graduated at the latter college in the spring of 1876. He began practice in West Warren, and remained there until June, 1877, when he removed to Saundersville.

The resident physicians in Farnumsville, are Drs. W. B. MAXWELL and THOMAS WILLMOT. The former was born in Wells, Me., October 18, 1848. He was prepared for college at New Ipswich, N. H., and was graduated from the classical department of Dartmouth College in 1873. Pursued the study of medicine under C. P. Frost, of Hanover, N. H., professor of medicine in Dartmouth College, and graduated from this department in June, 1876. He attended past-graduates' course at Harvard Medical College, with hospital practice in 1876 and 1877. He located here in September, 1877. Married April 16, 1878, Mary E. Taylor, of New Ipswich, N. H., and resides in a house which he has recently erected just north of the Dr. Whittemore house.

Dr. THOMAS K. WHITTEMORE was born in Temple, Franklin County, Me., February 7, 1838, and was at his death thirty-nine years of age. He learned the carpenter's trade with his uncle in East Douglas, serving with him three years, and after completing his apprenticeship his health failed, and he removed to Uxbridge and studied medicine with Dr. Bennett for four years. He then entered Bellevue Medical College, New York, where he remained for two years, and was graduated in February, 1863. The following spring he began to practice medicine in Farnumsville, taking the place made vacant by the death of Dr. Levi Rawson. He gained a large practice, and was considered a very skillful physician and surgeon, and one who was greatly respected by the poor people. His sudden death cast a gloom over the community in which he moved. The funeral was largely attended, and it was estimated that fully seven hundred persons were in attendance.

Dr. LEVI RAWSON; see Genealogy.

THOMAS WILLMOT, M. D., one of the physicians at Farnumsville, was born at Tardebigg, in the County of Warwick, England, March 11th, 1826, the seventh son of William and Elizabeth Willmot. From childhood he had a

leaning towards the medical profession, and was in consequence brought up and educated in accordance with his tastes. He remained under private tutors at home till eight years old, and was then sent to the celebrated boarding school of Little Compton, where he remained for five years. He then went to King Edward's school at Chipping Norton for two years; then went as an apprentice to Dr. Goodall and served five years with him, previous to his removal to the University of London, in which he remained nearly ten years, when he emigrated to British America. In 1864 he was elected a member of the Nova Scotia Medical Society; in 1867 received the royal commission as Health Officer for the Strait of Canso; in 1872 was commissioned Coroner and Justice of the Peace for the County of Inverness, Nova Scotia; in 1875 was elected a Fellow of Massachusetts Medical Society, and removed to Farnumsville, where he has since resided.

DR. W. O. HARDY, homœopathic physician here, is a native of Nelson, Cheshire County, N. H. He attended the common and high schools of his native place, then graduated from the Concord Commercial College, and connected himself with a wholesale grocery house at Boston, where he remained a number of years. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Putnam, of Boston, and studied preparatory to entering a medical college. Matriculated at the Boston University School of Medicine, took the complete graded course of three years, and graduated with the class of '79. Came to Grafton on the 1st of April, 1879.



## College Graduates.

OTIS H. ADAMS,	graduated	Williams College,	1879
REV. SETH J. AXTELL, Jr.,	"	Brown University,	1864*
WALTER I. BIGELOW,	"	Yale College,	1877*
ARTHUR GARDNER BISCOE,	"	Amherst, "	1862*
THOMAS DWIGHT BISCOE,	"	" "	1863
REV. GEORGE STREET BISCOE,	"	" "	1857*
JOHN FOSTER BISCOE,	"	" "	1874
WALTER STANLEY BISCOE,	"	" "	1874
ARTHUR A. BRIGHAM,	"	Institute of Technology.	*
CHARLES B. BRIGHAM, M. D.,	"	Harvard University,	1862*
EDWARD A. BRIGHAM,	"	Boston Latin School.	†
HON. WILLIAM BRIGHAM,	"	Harvard University,	1829*
WILLIAM T. BRIGHAM,	"	" "	1862*
FREDERIC A. BALCOM,	"	Williams College,	1878

The son of Madison A. and Rebecca F. (Cook) Balcom, born January 26, 1853. Removed to West Millbury; attended Millbury High School. Afterwards returned to Grafton; took preparatory course at Grafton High School. Studied at Williams College four years, graduating July 3, 1878. Entered the Yale Divinity School September 12, 1878, at which place he is at present pursuing his studies.

ELMER I. BALCOM, graduated Williams College. †

The son of Madison A. and Rebecca F. (Cook) Balcom, born in Grafton, Mass., December 22, 1856. Prepared for college in Grafton High School. Entered Williams College in September, 1876, in which institution he studied for three years. He is expecting to enter soon upon a course of study for the medical profession.

CHANDLER FLAGG, M. D.,	graduated	Brown University,	1803*
BENJAMIN FLAGG, M. D.,	"	"	? *
REV. S. BENJAMIN FLAGG,	"	Brown University,	1850*
AUGUSTUS FORBUSH,	"	Antioch College.	† *
CAPT. WILLIAM C. FORBUSH,	"	West Point M. A. <sup>1</sup>	1868*
JOHN M. CASE,	"	Yale College,	1827†
EDSON C. CHICK,	"	Brown University.	
JOHN S. CHICK,	"	" "	
STEPHEN CUTLER,	"	R. I. College,	1795*
ANDREW JAMES COPP,	"	Yale "	1869

He was born May 26, 1846; traveled extensively thereafter; studied law, but immediately after being admitted to practice went into the iron business, and is superintendent of the Phoenix Furance and Iron

\* Refer to Genealogy. † Entered college, but did not graduate.  
? Uncertain. <sup>1</sup> West Point Military Academy.

Mine, at Millerton, N. Y. He was married to Carrie Bostwick, of Salisbury, Conn., in 1878, and has one son.

WILLIAM A. COPP, graduated Yale College, 1869\*

He was born November 30, 1843. His father was Andrew J. Copp, son of William Copp, a descendant of William Copp, who came from London in the "Blessing," in 1635. Copp's Hill, Boston, was part of his farm. He married Harriet A. Eddy, one of the Eddy family of Auburn, Mass. The Eddy's also came from England, and were among the first settlers of Auburn. His parents moved from Auburn to New England Village in 1851, when his father purchased the residence now occupied by his widow. The father was in the 32d Massachusetts regiment. He died and was buried on Antietam battle-field.

William A. was in Company E, of Grafton, 51st Massachusetts regiment. He graduated at Yale College in 1869. He rowed upon the Yale University crews at Worcester, in '66, '67, '68 and '69, pulling stroke in '67, and starboard stroke the other three, being the first to row four years.

He was regarded as an excellent gymnast and participated in the annual exhibitions at Yale gymnasium. He took a first prize, junior year, in the annual prize debate; and second prize, senior year. He was admitted to practice law in New York City, after a course in Columbia College Law School, in 1870, and has since devoted himself continuously to the practice of the law in that city. Was married to Emily Maltby, of New Haven, Conn., in 1872, and has a son and daughter. Has held no office and sought none.

HANSON L. REED,	graduated	Amherst College,	1848*
WILLIAM REED,	"	" "	
ASA E. STRATTON,	"	Brown University,	1873*
EDWARD T. SLOCUM,	"	Amherst College.	*
WILLIAM F. SLOCUM,	"	" "	*
REV. WILLIAM S. SLOCUM, Jr.,	"	" "	*
REV. WILLIAM B. SMITH,	"	Harvard Divinity School.	*
ELHANAN W. WHEELER,	"	Harvard University.	*
ARTEMAS WHEELER,	"	Dartmouth College,	1817*
GEORGE KERR,	"	Edinburgh University, Scotland.	

He received the rudiments of a Latin and Greek education at the Grafton High School, and fitted for college under Rev. P. Y. Smith and F. M. McGarry, A. M. Entered Edinburgh University, November 1, 1876, and after studying one year, went to Heidelberg, Germany, where he spent a year and a half, chiefly in pursuing the study of the German language. He returned to Edinburgh in October, 1878, whence he will graduate in April, 1880.

\* Refer to Genealogy. † Entered college, but did not graduate.

HENRY BROWN,	entered	Williams College,	1875†
WALTER S. BOSWORTH,	graduated	Colby University,	1880

He was born here, and fitted for college at the High School.

JOHN GOULDING,	graduated	Yale College,	1821*
JUBAL HARRINGTON,	"	Brown University,	1825*
GEORGE K. NICHOLS, M. D.,	"	University of Pennsylvania.	*
REV. E. FRANK HOWE,	"	Yale College,	1859*
F. P. GOULDING,	"	Dartmouth College,	1863*
EDWARD KINGSBURY,	"	Harvard University,	1875*
REV. JOHN LELAND,	"		? . *
HON. PHINEAS W. LELAND,	"	Brown University.	† *
IRA LELAND,	"	" "	1833*
COL. CYRUS LELAND, Jr.,	"	Harvard University.	† *
THOMAS T. GRIGGS, M. D.,	"	Harvard Medical School,	1849*
REV. HENRY A. MILES,	"	Brown University,	1829*
ARTHUR D. MCCLELLAN,	"	" "	*
REV. JOSEPH MERRIAM,	"	" "	1819*
HERSEY GOODWIN PALFREY,	"	Harvard University,	1860

He was born in Grafton, October 9, 1839. Prepared for College at Phillips, Exeter, Academy. Graduated at Harvard University, 1860. In the war of the Rebellion, entered as a private, August, 1862, the 13th Massachusetts Regiment. January, 1864, was detailed to civil service in the Adjutant General's Office, Washington. In April, 1864, received a Captain's commission, and went to Louisiana. Was placed on Gen. Granger's staff as Assistant Engineer. Was in the trenches before Mobile when intelligence of the end of the war was received. Engaged in the business of civil engineering. Married Mary Durfee Lovejoy, of Bradford, Mass. Is at present employed in a government survey of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers.

REV. JOSIAH PRENTICE,	graduated	Dartmouth College,	1795*
LEVI RAWSON, M. D.,	"	Brown University,	1825*
REV. HEZEKIAH TAYLOR,	"	Harvard "	1770

He was born in Grafton, November 28, 1748; graduated at Harvard in 1770, and was settled as pastor of the Congregational Church in Newfane, Vt., June 30, 1774. The church was organized the day of his settlement, and at that time there were but fourteen families in the town, and the church consisted of only nine members. He died August 23, 1814. He was possessed of a firm and vigorous constitution, of great endurance, an indomitable will, and a resolution unshaken by the care of his flock and the labor and hardship incident to the early settlement of the town. Possessing habits of great industry, with a liberal education, and a disposition of great kindness and benevolence toward

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all with whom he was connected, he faithfully ministered to the spiritual and temporal wants of his people. Of an exceedingly genial temperament, overflowing with wit and humor, he was the delight and ornament of the social circle. His efforts and example contributed eminently to the happiness and prosperity of the early inhabitants of Newfane.

He married March 31, 1774, Sarah Frost, b. May 24, 1751, d. March 3, 1840. They had seven children. Their eldest, Hollis, b. May 20, 1775, d. in Rotterdam, Holland, August 14, 1793.

LUCIUS P. MERRIAM,	graduated	Amherst College,	1873*
JESSIE FRANCES SMITH,	"	Vassar "	1880

She entered the preparatory department of Vassar College in the fall of 1874, having previously attended the schools of Grafton and the city of Newton. She is now (June, 1879) a member of the class of '80, and a senior literary editor of the *Vassar Miscellany*.

WILLIAM H. WHITE,	graduated	Amherst College,	1867*
ALICE M. WING,	"	Vassar "	1878*
ABBIE M. WHITE,	"	Cornell "	† *
JOSEPH WHIPPLE,	"	Harvard University,	1765*
FRANK W. WOOD,	"	Amherst A. C. <sup>2</sup>	*
EDWARD R. WHITE,	"	Technical Institute,	*
GEORGE H. WHITE,	"	" "	*
LIEUT. GEORGE M. WHEELER,	"	West Point M. A. <sup>1</sup>	1866*
JOHN C. WORCESTER,	"	Colby University,	1881*
JOSEPH WILLARD,	"	Harvard University,	1765*
CHARLES A. WHEELER,	"	Amherst A. C. <sup>2</sup>	†

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<sup>1</sup> West Point Military Academy. <sup>2</sup> Amherst Agricultural College.

**By Colleges.**

Amherst College, Mass. . . . .	12
Amherst Agricultural College, Mass. . . . .	2
Antioch College, Ohio . . . . .	1
Latin School, Boston . . . . .	1
Brown University, Providence, R. I. . . . .	12
Cornell College, New York . . . . .	1
Colby University, Maine . . . . .	2
Dartmouth College, N. H. . . . .	3
Edinburgh University, Scotland . . . . .	1
Technical Institute, Worcester . . . . .	2
Harvard University, Mass. . . . .	10
Harvard Medical School, Mass. . . . .	1
Harvard Divinity School, Mass. . . . .	1
University of Pennsylvania, Penn. . . . .	1
Vassar College, New York . . . . .	2
West Point Military Academy, New York . . . .	2
Williams College, Mass. . . . .	4
Institute of Technology, Mass. . . . .	1
Yale College, Conn. . . . .	6
Rhode Island College . . . . .	1
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Total . . . . .	66



# OLD HOUSES AND BUILDINGS.

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## CHAPTER NINTH.

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THIS chapter is devoted to sketches of a few of the older buildings in the town; when built; who by; and the several occupants. Much matter will undoubtedly be overlooked, as the compiler has relied mainly on the information of the older inhabitants, but is nevertheless as accurate as could be obtained.

The hotel in the centre of the town, now known as the Grafton House, and formerly as the Hassanamisco House, was built nearly seventy-five years ago by Samuel Wood, Sen. At his decease the property passed into the hands of his son, Hon. Samuel Wood, who disposed of it in February,

1826, to Lovell Baker, Sen. He owned the property nearly thirty-one years. In 1857, after his death, the property passed into the control of his son, Lovell Baker, the present owner. The real estate now owned by Mr. Baker in this town, includes the hotel, barn, two houses and three shops, all on the east side of the Park; the Arcade and Cheney house, on the west side. The following is a partial list of the several occupants:—Samuel Wood, Hon. Samuel Wood, Nahum Andrews, Lovell Baker, Franklin Harrington, Timothy Wheelock, Jonathan Busden, Almon Adams, Green & Leonard, Ebenezer Aldrich, James H. Cheney, Charles C. Chamberlin, Reuben Eames, Reuben Monroe, — Evans, Tyler Harrington, — McIntire, Horatio Cogswell, — Judd, — Hunt, Collins Hathon, F. M. Marble, George C. Newton, George Bundy, and Mr. Bowles, the present occupant.

Jeremiah Barstow was one of the original forty proprietors who purchased the land of the Indians. He is the only one in the original deed who was not styled husbandman; his occupation was that of a trader. He came here in 1733–34, from Marlborough, where he had resided. He had been a miller, and owned the mills and all the land now covered by the village of Feltonville, in that town. He sold this property to Robert Bayard. He kept store here in a very small one-story building, which stood on land between the “Green store” and the old red house, which latter building stood on the site of Warren Block. When the Green store was built, in 1806, this store was taken down. There was a well in the old store, and when the new Worcester road was laid out the well was exactly in the centre of the road. When Jonathan Wheeler, Jr., and John Warren first began business they occupied this old store, and purchased the stock of the heirs of Benjamin Kingsbury, Sen., who had a few years before this bought out Whitney & Dorr, who came here from Boston about 1790.

The “Green store,” so-called from the color with which

it was first, and for years continued to be painted, was erected by Jonathan Wheeler, Jr., better known as Squire Wheeler, about 1806. At that time the firm was Wheeler & Warren (Jonathan Wheeler, Jr., and John Warren).

The following were the articles of agreement indented and between Jonathan Wheeler, Jr., of Grafton, on the one part, and John Warren, of Grafton, on the other part:—

“First of all, the said Jona. Wheeler, Jr. and John Warren have joined themselves to be co-partners together in the art of trade of all kinds of merchandize, between this and Charleston, S. C., or any other part we may judge advantageous to our co-partnership, and all things thereto belonging; and also in buying, selling, vending and retailing of all sorts of wares, goods and commodities belonging to the said trade of all kinds of merchandize between this and Charleston, S. C., or any other part we may judge advantageous to our co-partnership, which co-partnership is to continue from the first day of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, for and during, and unto the full end and term of one year from thence next ensuing, and fully to be complete and ended, and to that end and purpose he, the said Jona. Wheeler, Jr., hath, the day of the commencement of these presents, delivered in as stock the sum of four hundred dollars, and the said John Warren the sum of four hundred dollars, with liberty of either of the said co-partners to make such additions to their stock as from time to time him or them shall think fit, with this privilege, that when either make an addition to his stock the other shall allow six per cent. per annum on one-half of the amount from the time such addition is made, which shall be made known by a book kept for the use of the said co-partners, and to be laid out and employed in common between them for the management of the said trade of all kinds of merchandize between this and Charleston, S. C., or any other part we may judge advantageous to our co-partnership, to their utmost benefit and advantage, and it is agreed between the said partners to these presents, and the said co-partners ask for himself respectively and for his own particular parts, and for his executors and administrators doth severally and jointly covenant, promise and agree to, and with the other partner, his executors and administrators, by the presents in manner and form following (that is to say): That they, the said co-partners, shall not, nor will at any time hereafter, use, exercise or follow the trade of any merchandize between this and Charleston, S. C., or any other part as foresaid, or any other trade whatsoever, during the said terms, to their private benefit or advantage, but shall and will, from time to time, and at all times during the said term (if they shall so long live), do their, and each of their endeavors, in and by all means possible to the utmost of their

skill, power and cunning, for their joint interest, benefit and advantage, and truly employ, buy, sell and merchandize with the stock aforesaid, and the increase thereof, in the trade of all kinds of merchandize between this place, Charleston, S. C., or any other part or place aforesaid, without any sinister intention or fraudulent endeavors whatsoever, and all that the said co-partners shall and will, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, during the said terms, pay, bear and discharge, equally between them, the rent of the shops which they shall rent or hire for the joint convenience or managing the trade aforesaid, and that all such gain, profit and increase that shall come, grow or arise for or by reason of said trade, any joint occupancy as aforesaid shall be, from time to time, during the term, equally and proportionally divided between them, share and share alike, and all such loss as shall happen in the said joint trade by debts, ill commodities or otherwise, without fraud or covin, shall be paid and born equally and proportionally between them. And further it is agreed by, and between the said co-partners, parties to these presents, that there shall be had and kept, from time to time, and at all times during said term and joint occupying and co-partnership together, as aforesaid, for first just and true books of account wherein each of the said co-partners shall daily enter and sit down, as well, all money by them received, paid, expended and laid out in and about the management of the said trade, as also all wares, goods, commodities and merchandize by them, or either of them, bought and sold by reason or means, and upon account of the said co-partnership, and all other matter and things whatsoever to the said joint trade and the ma.—thereof, in any wise belonging or appertaining, which said book shall be used in common between the said co-partners, so that either of them may have free access thereof without any interruption of the other, and also that they, the said co-partners, once in three months, or oftener if need shall require, upon the reasonable request of one of them, shall make, yield and render, each to the other, or to the executors or administrators of each other, a true, just and perfect account of all profit and increase by them, or either of them, made, and all losses by them, or either of them, sustained, and also of all payments, receipts, disbursements, and all other things whatsoever by them made, received, disbursed, acted, done, or suffered in the said co-partnership, and jointly occupying, as aforesaid, and the same so made shall and will clear, adjust, pay and deliver, each unto the other, at the time of making such account, their equal share of the profits aforesaid, and at the end of the said term of one year, from the first of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninty-six, or other sooner determination of these presents, Be it, by the death of one of the said partners, or otherwise they, the said co-partners, each to the other, or in case of the death of either of them, the surviving party to the executor or administrators of the parties deceased, shall and will make a true, just and final amount of all things as aforesaid, and divide the profits aforesaid, and in all things



well and truly adjust the same, and that also upon the making of such final amount all of the stock and stocks, as well as the gain and increase thereof which shall appear to be remaining, whether consisting of money, wares, merchandize, debts, &c., shall be equally parted and divided between them, the said co-partners, executors or administrators, share and share alike; and it is further agreed, for the benefit of the said co-partners, that all obligations after this date of these presents, drawn by either or made payable, shall be under the firm of Wheeler & Warren, and shall be equally binding on both.

In witness whereof, we hereunto set our hand and seal this first day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six.

JONATHAN WHEELER, JR.  
JOHN WARREN.

In presents of

WILLIAM LAMB.  
EPHM. HARRINGTON.

The parties to the within indentures do agree to continue it in full for the term of one year longer, which will end the first day of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hand and seal this first day of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

JONATHAN WHEELER, JR.  
JOHN WARREN.

In presence of

MOSES HARRINGTON.  
SAM. HARRINGTON.

1 Sept., 1798.—It is agreed by the parties to this instrument that it remains in force until dissolved by consent of both parties.

JONA. WHEELER, JR.  
JOHN WARREN."

In 1815, Mr. Warren sold his interest in the firm to Elijah Case, father of Elijah Case, now of Athol, and purchasing a farm, now known as the Chestnut Grove farm, lately owned by Frank Wood, resided upon it until his death. Wheeler & Case were succeeded by Charles Prentice, grandson of Rev. Solomon Prentice, in 1820, who continued the business until 1824 or 1825, when he sold to



Samuel Harrington, who had previously been engaged by Mr. Prentice as clerk for three years, at a yearly salary of fifty dollars and his board. Mr. Harrington after continuing a few years sold out to Jonathan D. Wheeler and Ebenezer Aldrich. Mr. Wheeler sold his interest to Jonathan Warren, and the business was continued a short time under the firm name of Warren & Aldrich. The stock of goods was subsequently disposed of to Winthrop Faulkner, who remained here a short time and finally moved to his present building opposite the Unitarian Church. In 1843, Samuel Harrington again became the occupant of the building, and in company with Jonathan D. Wheeler continued the business for about ten years, until 1853, when Mr. Wheeler sold his interest to Mr. Harrington. He continued the business until 1860, alone; at this time he formed a co-partnership with his son-in-law, Dr. George K. Nichols. Mr. Harrington retired February 1, 1877, upon the results of a close application to business for fifty years, and the business is now conducted by Mr. Nichols.

“The history of a business house in a quiet country village seldom offers any unusual incidents, and generally goes on in its modest routine of patient application and industrious enterprise. And still the annals of a country store will be found to embrace very much of the social history of the region of the community in which it is located. Those were days before these rushing, steam driven times. Times, when the last batch of news that had worried its perilous way, for days, through mud or slush, in the teeth of storms that would shake everything but the granite hills of these New England towns, or plunging through snow-drifts more taxing still—that men would gather round the big box stove, red hot, yet inviting, with, perchance, the added stimulus of an occasional draught from the last arrival down cellar, to discuss alike the policy of governments or the state of the markets. Men lived slowly ‘them days,’ and could afford to while away the long winter

evenings at the store. The Green store was no exception. If its hard oak timbers could have spoken, they would furnish material for many an exciting discussion, and many a chronicle of the earlier times. Times are changed, and so are many of the manners of the people. In the place of the old time-honored green-painted store, with heavy, nail-studded shutters and hugely bolted doors, there is a fine three-storied, French-roofed block."

The building now owned by Mrs. Leander Stockwell, was built by Lovell Stow, in 1840, or thereabouts. The lower part was first used by Griggs Brothers (Salem and Thomas T.) for a store. Mr. Stow resided in the upper part. After Mr. Stow's death his widow sold the property to Leander Stockwell, who carried on the tailoring business until his death in 1875. The upper part was used at one time as the office of the Grafton National Bank; and subsequently as the residence of S. Swan.

Probably the most central point in town during the earlier days was the old Half-way House, which stood nearly on the site of the present residence of Henry F. Wing. Here the mail-coach used to stop, which ran over the post road from Providence to Worcester, and here the passengers and horses were refreshed. At this time this was the only inn or tavern in the town. During the latter years of its existence it was kept by Francis Barnes, and owned by "*the Dr. Wood.*" Barnes first came from Marlborough, and kept the Hassanamisco House. He was brother-in-law to Dr. Wood; they married sisters; he removed to Philadelphia. The house was then owned by Jabez Brigham and by Philip Wing, who erected the present building, now owned by his son, Henry F.

The house now owned and occupied by Silas A. Pierce was formerly the law office of Harry Wood. At that time it was one-story high and contained two rooms. When Mr. Wood died the property was bought by William Brown and

Sullivan Newton. It was used by Dr. Burnstill, a homœopathic physician, for his office. He subsequently removed to Boston and became quite noted for his skill. Benchley & Eddy, of Millbury, now purchased the property and laid out the land into building lots. It was through their instrumentality that Church street was laid out. They gave the land on which the Catholic Church now stands to the society. Eddy bought out Benchley and leased the office to William Mecorney, in which he manufactured clothing and carried on the tailoring business. He afterwards moved to Warren Block. Eddy sold this property to Col. Charles Brigham and Nathaniel Smith. Col. Brigham made repairs and changed the building into a dwelling-house and sold it to Silas A. Pierce, who has made two additions since that time.

This town has always had its share of physicians. Prior to 1800, there were two Doctors Joseph Wood, residing here. One was known as "Dr. Wood" and the other as "*the* Dr. Wood." We have found nothing as yet to guarantee the assertion that the latter was a skilled physician. The former resided in a red house on the corner of what is now Pleasant street, on land now owned by Silas A. Pierce. He kept a store in which he sold West India Goods, and according to several accounts some of the goods were wet and in a liquid form. This building stood nearly on the site of the present Evangelical Congregational Church. Then came his barn and another house of his known as "the Dr. Parker house." Between this latter house and the house of Perley Goddard in Centerville there were but three houses, and Dr. Wood was the owner of nearly all the intervening land. By the death of Dr. Wood, the property came into possession of Harry Wood, his son, who resided on it until his death in 1838, when the property was purchased by Col. Charles Brigham and Nathaniel Smith. The latter resided in the house until his death in 1854. His widow sold it to her son-in-law, Silas A. Pierce,

who disposed of it to Rufus E. Warren. It was moved to North street, and now stands fronting the street adjoining the school-yard.

One of the three houses previously referred to between Dr. Wood's and Perley Goddard's, was the Capt. Samuel Hall house. This was formerly owned by Dr. Wood, who sold it to one Forbes. Capt. Samuel Hall purchased the house in 1815, of Mr. Forbes, and resided in it for a short time, when he built the house now standing, in which he lived for about fifty years, until his death.

Where the house now stands which was formerly owned by Caleb Wood, there stood an old building which was used as a Distillery for the manufacture of apple brandy. I have been unable to ascertain the name of the owner of the building (probably Dr. Wood), but a man by the name of Sherman carried on the business for the proprietor.

There was formerly, prior to 1800, an old red house which stood about on the site of Hon. Jonathan D. Wheeler's residence, owned and occupied by John Knox. Here he married his second wife. Colonel Wheeler purchased the property about 1806, and erected a new and handsome house.

Dr. Lamb sold the lot, on which the Forbush house was built, to James Whipple, who subsequently sold it to Joseph Wood and Amaziah Howard. They erected the frame for a house, which stood without being covered for nearly three years, when it was completed. When the frame was raised the timbers used were new, but rotten. The carpenter who did the work said :—"I have put up all sorts of frames, but never before have I put one up in the shape of a letter F." The building, when completed, was used as a hotel, and was kept by Collesster Wood, then by Joseph Duncan, his brother-in-law. At this time the Hassanamisco House was kept by Samuel Wood, who was anxious to be the only inn-keeper in the Centre, and when the property was sold at



auction he purchased it, so as to prevent there being another hotel. Calvin W. Forbush next owned the house. In the east part there were manufactured boots and shoes, by Wood, Kimball & Co. This firm dissolved, and Samuel Wood continued the business until he failed. During this time a West India goods and grocery store was kept and known as the White store. The firm also used the basement of the Baptist Church for their business. Noah Kimball removed to Westborough, Calvin W. Forbush continued the business, and sold the vestry of the Baptist Church to the society. He subsequently removed to Lancaster, and formed a co-partnership with Edward Forbush, his nephew, and continued manufacturing, having an office in Pearl street, Boston. Prior to his removal to Lancaster, he sold out to Forbush & Wheeler, who continued for a while, when Silas A. Forbush sold out to Willard D. Wheeler. He continued manufacturing and keeping the store until the war broke out, when he was appointed paymaster in the army. Silas A. Forbush went to Buffalo and was employed by Forbush & Brown a short time, until they came here and purchased Hancock's Block, and began the manufacture of boots and shoes. Since then he has had charge of their business here. During some of the time this house has been used as a hotel, and was at one time kept by Timothy Bosworth. John Wheeler purchased the house, which is still occupied by his widow.

Some time after the Rev. Solomon Prentice, of Cambridge, was ordained minister of the town, he built a house near the present residence of George F. Slocomb, Esq., and between that and the Forbush house. He besides being a clergyman, was also an extensive farmer. After his death the house was occupied by Rev. Aaron Hutchinson, then by Rev. Daniel Grosvenor, and finally by Dr. William Lamb. When Dr. Lamb bought the property of Mr. Grosvenor, he only partially paid for it, and gave Mr. Grosvenor a mortgage on the real estate for the balance, which he left with



the doctor to be recorded. This he neglected, or purposely failed to do, although he claimed it had been done. This controversy finally led to a law-suit, in which the doctor figured as defendant, and the clergyman as plaintiff. The latter came out victorious, and consequently Dr. Lamb relinquished the property, or a portion of it, reserving the house, which he finally disposed of to Charles Prentice. This house was finally moved down "Congdon Hill," and formed the front of the present house of Henry Prentice, a relative of Rev. Solomon, its first owner.

The house which was owned and occupied by David Sherman stood next to the Baptist meeting-house, on land which was formerly used as a barn-yard by Dr. William Lamb. The building he occupied was very large. In the front part of the lower floor he kept a dry goods and grocery store, and in the rear part he manufactured boots and shoes, employing some fifteen hands. He resided in the upper part of the building. The land on which his building stood he purchased of Dr. William Lamb, who resided on the opposite side of the street. Some time after the purchase the parties had some dispute relative to the bounds of the land, and Mr. Sherman took down the front part. The ell part was removed and formed the house on "Congdon Hill," now owned by Benjamin Kingsbury. This building was known in its day as the "Fly Market." He removed to Farnumsville, and resided in the Samuel Sherman house. He died in New Bedford.

Dr. Lamb's barn was on the opposite side of the road from his house, and his barn-yard extended from the Baptist meeting-house to the house of Mr. Daniel Gibbs. After the death of Mrs. Lamb the doctor went to Rhode Island, and resided for a while with his son, but finally returned to this town where he was supported by his friends, and finally died, very much broken down.

Joseph Leland purchased the land on which he built his

residence, now owned and occupied by his widow, of the heirs of Elijah Case.

Between the Charles Prentice house and the house of Dr. William Lamb stood the house of Elijah Bruce. This was near the site of the present house of John W. Bigelow. After Mr. Bruce's death his widow resided in it. She sold it to Moses Adams, and he took it down and erected the house of Mr. Bigelow.

The old house which stood near the site of the house now owned by Lovell Baker and occupied by A. M. Bigelow, was formerly owned by Benjamin K. Moulton. This was known as the "Charles Prentice house," and was occupied from time to time by Charles Prentice, Captain Ephraim Harrington, Samuel Leland, John Warren, Elijah Case and Jonathan Wheeler, Esq. The latter and John Warren were in company in the old "Green Store," and one resided in a house which stood where the Warren Block now stands, and the other in the Charles Prentice house, and *vice versa*. Elijah Case died in this house. He married twice: Sarah Leland, daughter of Phineas Leland, Jr., who died in 1808, and Elizabeth Merriam, daughter of Joseph Merriam, Jr. After Mr. Case's death she married Charles Prentice. Elijah Case, Jr., born in 1807, married Lauremia Stone. They had Sarah L., born 1831; Jane L., born 1833; Harrison E., born 1835; Julia E., born 1837. He died in Athol in June, 1879. The old house was purchased by Rufus E. Warren and removed to North street, on the opposite side of the street from his house.

The house now owned and occupied by Silas A. Forbush, was purchased by him of the Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe, who built it. The house which stood on the land now occupied by this house was owned by John Bennett, who married a daughter of Jeremiah Flagg. Mr. Bennett was a hatter, and carried on the business in a small shop which stood north of and very near his house, only a narrow passage-

way being between the two. The house ended on the line at Rev. John Miles. Mr. Bennett owned ten acres of land on the opposite side of the road, which he subsequently sold to Rev. Mr. Miles. When Mr. Biscoe purchased the property, the old house, or part of it, was moved back and converted into a woodhouse. Rev. Mr. Biscoe was born July 18, 1810, the son of Thomas Biscoe. His ancestor was Nathaniel Biscoe, "the rich tanner," who was in Watertown as early as 1642. In that year he wrote and circulated privately a pamphlet "against the way of supporting ministers," that gave great offence, and for which he was fined £10. In that year, his barn, with leather and corn, amounting to £100, was destroyed by fire. He was so dissatisfied with the prevalent ecclesiastical intolerance that he returned to England about the end of 1651, or early the next year. He had four children whom he left in Massachusetts. He descended from Nathaniel<sup>1</sup> as follows: John<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>7</sup>, Rev. Thomas C.<sup>8</sup>

There was formerly an old house which stood near John Bennett's house; this was owned by Nathaniel Dexter, who subsequently sold it to Captain Liberty Wood, and he resided in it until he built his house on North street. The old house was finally sold to Rufus E. Warren, who moved it to North street, and converted it into a shop. Austin Holbrook resided in this house at one time. The house of the late Hon. A. M. Bigelow was erected near the site of this old house.

Next comes the residence of Thomas Thurston Griggs, M. D., who was born in Sutton in 1818. He was the son of Lieutenant John Griggs, "a man of much public spirit, possessed of every moral excellence of character, and identified with all enterprises designed to promote the interests of the community." His grandfather, Thomas Griggs, Jr., went from Brookline to Sutton, where he died. Dr. Griggs came into possession of the estate by the death of his

father-in-law, Delano Pierce, M. D. Dr. Pierce when he first came to this town, resided in the house now owned and occupied by Charles A. Pierce. This house was formerly owned by Ephraim Wilson. Dr. Pierce came into possession of the Miles house by the foreclosure of a mortgage which he held upon it. The house was sold to Wood, Warren & Co., by the Rev. John Miles, once "the minister of the town." Mr. Miles owned sixteen acres of land, six in the rear of the house, and ten across the road, which was reached by a lane between the Lesure house and Charles A. Pierce's house. When he owned the property, the dwelling was very small, but when Dr. Pierce came into possession of it, the house was entirely remodeled. The old house formed the ell and in front he built two stories with large doric pillars, then the most fashionable and expensive. Before the alterations were made by Dr. Pierce, while the house was in possession of Wood, Warren & Co., it was leased as a tenement-house.

The house was owned prior to 1794, by Dr. William Lamb, who sold it April 17, 1795, to Royal Keith, who resided in it for two years, and subsequently sold it to Rev. John Miles.

The old house now occupied by Joseph Bruce, was erected by his father and grandfather, Joseph and Simon, in 1789, nearly a century ago. The barn was built a few years after the house. When this house was built there were but few houses between this and town. There were none on the opposite side of the street. The present owner, Joseph, is now in his 90th year, and still retains all his faculties. His memory is thoroughly stored with incidents and narratives relating to the older inhabitants of the town, and the compiler is greatly indebted to his kindness and uniform courtesy in relating them and giving much other valuable information. The following copy of an old paper relates to the Bruce farm :—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 24, 1794.

WHEREAS it appears by a Resolve of the General Court on the Nineteenth day of November, A. D. 1787, that Edward Rawson, Willis Hall and Stephen Maynard, Guardians of the Grafton Indians, were empowered to sell about sixteen acres of Land, lying in said Grafton, and that they by their Deed in their said capacity on the Twenty-first day of May, A. D. 1788, conveyed to Joseph Bruce and Simon Bruce of said Grafton, Sixteen acres and five rods of land. And whereas it appears to this Court by the Petition and Representation of the said Joseph and Simon Bruce, and by the Certificate of the said Guardians, that by mistake the land described in said Deed is not the land intended by the Parties to have been conveyed as aforesaid. Therefore,

*Resolved*, that the present Trustees or Guardians of the Grafton Indians be and they are hereby empowered to make and execute a good and sufficient deed in fee simple, of said Land so intended to be conveyed to said Joseph Bruce and Simon Bruce. Provided the said Joseph and Simon shall at the same time by a good and sufficient Deed in fee simple reconvey to the said Guardians in trust, for such of the said Indians as are entitled thereto the said sixteen acres and five Rods of Land, contained and described in their Deed as aforesaid.

Sent up for Concurrence,

EDW'D. H. ROBBINS, Spkr.

IN SENATE, Feb'y. 27, 1794.

Read and Concurred.

SAM'L. PHILLIPS, Prsdt.

Feb. 27, 1794.

Approved.

SAM'L. ADAMS.

True Copy.

Attest.

JOHN AVERY, Jun., Sec'y.

The house now owned by John Fahey, on the old Upton road, just above "Bruce Hollow," is a very old house. This was first owned by the Bruce family, who came here from Mendon. When the house now owned by Joseph Bruce was erected, in 1786, his grandfather and grandmother resided in it, his father and mother residing in the old house



until the death of the old folks, in 1799, when they removed into the new house. The old house was then rented for three years to Nathan Darling. Benjamin Leland, Jr., resided here for a while. When Joseph's father died the estate was divided, and this house came into possession of Eliza (Mrs. William Eager, of Boston), who rented it for a number of years. At her death the administrator disposed of it to the present owner and occupant, John Fahey.

The house of Jeremiah Flagg, which he now occupies, on the old Upton road, is also one of the oldest houses in town. This was occupied by Dr. Jonathan Grout for a number of years. The doctor sold the house to Reuben Cummings, who moved here from Uxbridge about 1795. He remained but a short time, and finally returned to that town. The next owner and occupant was Isaac Southwick, father of Hon. Isaac H. Southwick, of Providence, R. I. Aaron Fay next owned the house, and sold it to his sister, Mrs. Samuel Wheelock, who in turn disposed of it to the present owner, Mr. Flagg. Edward Lesure at one time resided here.

The house now owned and occupied by Jonathan B. Sibley, was built by Elijah L. Case, who sold it to Rodney S. Dennis. It was next owned by his son, Edward P. Dennis, who built the present barn. After his death the property was sold to Michael O'Keef, of whom it was purchased by Mr. Sibley. The old house, which stood near the site of the present dwelling, was built by Dea. Joseph Merriam, 2nd, probably 125 years ago, and at his death the property passed into the hands of his daughter, Mrs. Elijah Case, and was next owned by her son, Elijah L. Case. The old house was moved just below the barn, and subsequently moved on to the new Upton road, where it now stands.

The house now owned and occupied by David L. Fiske was built in 1797, by Royal Keith, his grandfather. The old house just south of the present house was purchased by

Mr. Keith of James Whipple, February 6, 1797. The farm included fifty-three acres of land, and was sold for £400.\*

The house now owned and occupied by Royal Adams Keith was built by his father, Royal, in 1827, who resided in it during his lifetime. The old house on this farm was taken down when the present one was built. The property was purchased of Benjamin Leland, in 1805.

The privilege in Kittville was built and first owned by Jonathan Whipple and Dr. Levi Rawson. They began the manufacture of shoemakers' tools. Whipple sold his interest to Rawson, and he disposed of it to R. P. Leland & Co. They were succeeded by Nelson Leland, who owned the property when it was destroyed by fire.

The old Red house, north of Charles Wesson's house, was built by Amos Ellis, and subsequently owned by Capt. Moses Roberts, his son-in-law. It was afterwards owned by R. P. Leland & Co., and Nelson Leland, the present owner.

The old house near the Upton line, in which Michael Maroney now lives, was built by a Mr. Wood, who had a currier's shop near it. It was afterwards owned and occupied by Timothy Fisher, Joel Taft and Joel Taft, Jr.

Benjamin Thurston came to this town from Mendon and purchased land on George Hill, in September, 1774, of Fortune and Abigail Burnee. On this land he erected a house, in which he resided during his life. It was afterwards owned by his son, John, and his grandson, Daniel. The latter removed the old house and built the present dwelling, which, at his death, passed into the hands of Mrs. Lawson Munyan, his daughter. It is now owned by Lawson Munyan.

David Forbush came to this town from Westborough, and purchased of Eleazer Flagg his house on George Hill,

\* This house was consumed by fire in 1879.

which stood nearly on the site of the Red house which joins the house formerly owned by Silas Forbush, Jr. In this house he resided a short time, and then built the Red house above referred to, in 1784. After his death the farm, which included eighty acres, was divided equally between his sons, Silas and Jonathan. Silas Forbush, Jr., built the house, which he formerly owned, in 1844, now owned by the Perry family. David Forbush was a member of the committee of safety during the war of the Revolution.

The house of Augustus Johnson, situated between the Stow and Forbush farms, was built in 1816, by Jonathan Hayden. Hayden purchased the old house on the opposite side of the road of John Thurston, who built it. When he built, in 1816, he took the old house down.

When Abner Stow came here from Marlborough he located on land given him by his father, who was one of the original forty proprietors. This land was on George Hill. He built a log hut on the site of the present house of Silas E. Stow, in which he resided for about a year, when he erected a frame house, in 1735, just in front of the log hut. This farm has been owned and occupied by his descendants, as follows:—His son, Jonathan; his son, Jonathan; his son, Jonathan W.; and his son, Silas E. Stow, who came into possession of the property in 1867. He resided in the house six years, and in 1874 erected his present residence, which is without exaggeration the finest appointed farmhouse in town. In 1847, Jonathan W., his father, built the barn, which is 107 by 40, with an ell 48 by 26. In 1832, Jonathan W. built a shoemaker's shop on the opposite side of the road, which was finished and remodelled into a dwelling house for his farm hands, in 1836. This latter building has since been taken down.

The house of Fred. Jourdan was built and occupied by Capt. Joseph Whipple. Here he resided and died. It was next owned by Capt. Amaziah Howard, and when he died

here he was buried in a brick vault, which he had had constructed under his own supervision while alive. His body was subsequently re-interred in the burying-ground. The property was afterwards owned by Henry D. Howard and Royal A. Keith, who disposed of it to Mr. Jourdan.

Capt. Moses Harrington built the upright part of what is now the old Yellow house, owned by Horace S. Warren, and situated nearly opposite Bigelow Brothers' currying establishment. A few years prior to 1800, and some years after this date, he kept a hotel here. He was a tanner by trade, and carried on the business in the old tan-yard, in the rear of where Rufus E. Warren's house and barn now stand.

The house now owned and occupied by A. A. Ballou was purchased by him of Sumner Dinsmore, who built it. Mr. Dinsmore removed to Worcester, where he is at present residing. He was born in West Boylston, in 1804, and came to this town in 1820 to reside with Oliver M. Brigham, with whom he remained until he attained his majority. In 1828 he married Rachel Clemens, of Charlton, and had a family of five children. All of them died young, and in 1844 his wife died. In 1845 he married Harriett M. Putnam. Mr. Dinsmore was engaged for a number of years in shoemaking and cutting shoes. He was Deputy Sheriff for some time, and also kept an apothecary store. He began the business in this town of manufacturing innersoles, heels and stiffenings, which business he followed until he sold his real estate. Mr. Ballou came to this town from Winchendon, where he had been engaged as cashier in the National Bank, to act as cashier of the Bank here.

The house now owned and occupied by Colonel Cogswell, was built by George Clapp. Mr. Clapp was born in Petersham. He came to this town, and while here erected a large number of the best buildings. He subsequently removed to Rehoboth, and the property was then owned by H. D. P. Bigelow.



The next farm is known as the Otis Adams place. The house was built in 1799, by Nathaniel Adams. At his death, January 24, 1829, the property came into possession of his son, Hon. Otis Adams, who resided upon it until his decease. The property was then owned by his widow, who sold it to Franklin Worcester, the present owner and occupant. This farm is one of the best in town.

When Thomas Axtell came to this town from Marlborough, he purchased and took deeds of land here from Ephraim Sherman and Nathan Sherman, in 1734, including some two hundred acres. A portion of this land is now owned by Capt. Benjamin Aldrich. The old house stood a few rods east of the house of Nathan Chaffin, on the Westborough road, and was destroyed by fire several years ago. He sold his property, including land and buildings, and came and lived with his son on the place where S. J. Axtell now lives. The farm upon which he now lives was deeded to the first wife of Thomas Axtell, Jr., born May 11, 1712, and "her heirs, for and in consideration of the love, good-will and parental affection which I bear my dutiful daughter, Elizabeth Axtell, of Grafton," by John Sherman, of Marlborough. The Axtells have owned and occupied it since. This deed is dated 1746. There have been three houses on the same spot, on this farm. This Thomas' wife, Mary Axtell, was the mother at one birth of three sons—Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They lived about three weeks and all died.

Colonel John Goulding resided in a house which he erected on the site of the house now owned and occupied by Henry Wesson, on the Westborough road, in the Farm District. He was a tanner by occupation and his tan-yard was situated on land which is now owned by Harvey Putnam.

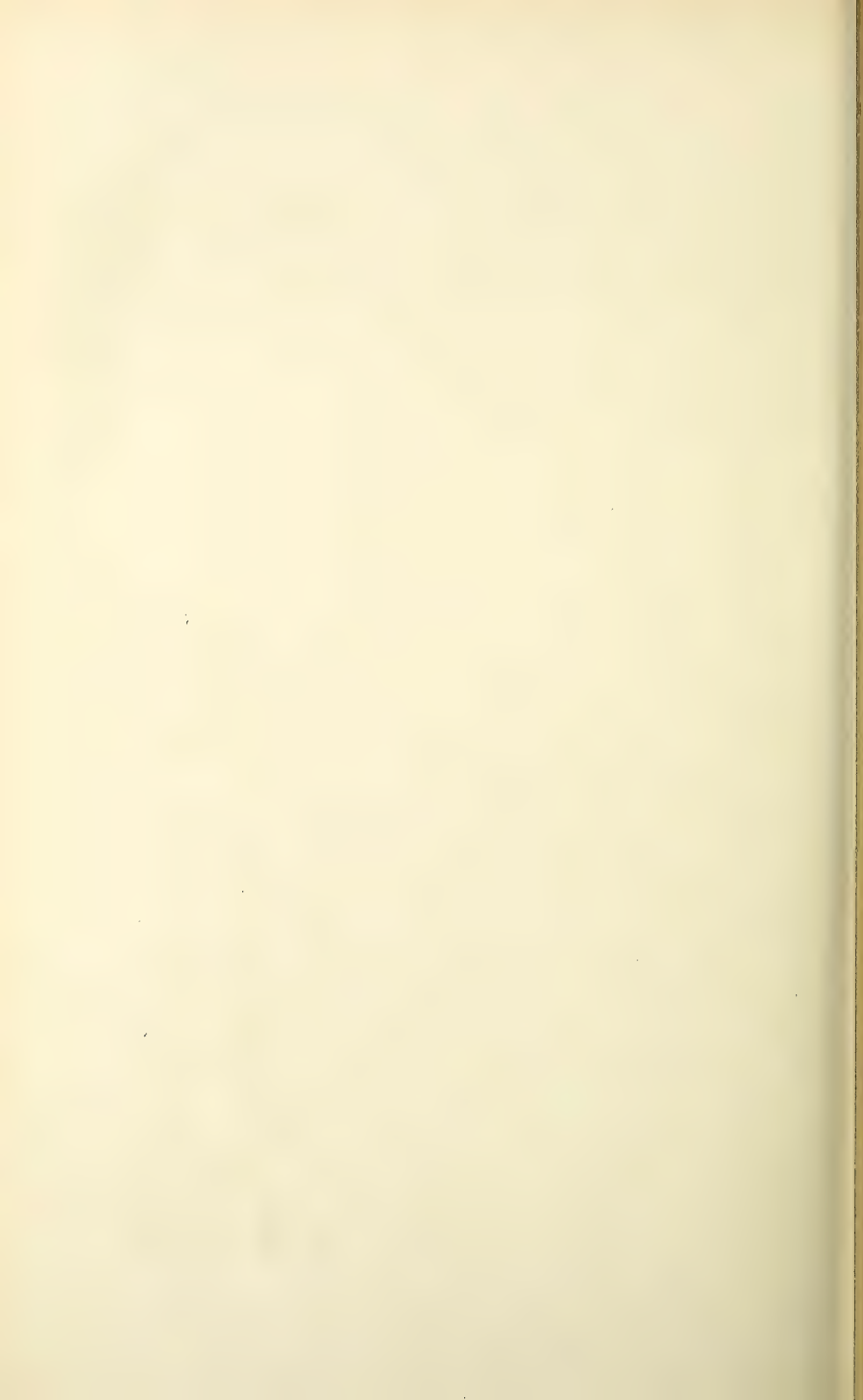
Joseph Willard erected a house in the Farm District in which he resided until his death, when the property came





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THE HON. OTIS ADAMS FARM.



into possession of Josephus Willard, who demolished the old house and erected the house now standing about 1825; here he resided during his lifetime. The property is now owned by Mrs. Ephraim L. Goulding. Josephus Willard and wife when in their prime of life were considered the strongest and largest couple in this town; each tipping the scales at 250 lbs. He held many town offices and was respected by his fellow-citizens. His wife was held in high estimation by her many friends.

The house now owned by Mrs. Lucy Mitchell, situated nearly opposite the Goulding house, was formerly a part of Captain Ephraim Goulding's shoe-shop and was moved to its present location about 1835.

Ebenezer Brooks, of Concord, came to this town in its early settlement. He located on land now owned by his descendant, Samuel H. Knowlton. He erected a small house and blacksmith shop. This property was subsequently owned by his son Joel, his son Elijah, his daughter Polly, who married Joel Knowlton; and their son was Elijah Brooks Knowlton, father of the present owner. The blacksmith shop was burned in 1859. A portion of the old house is still standing, to which a large addition has been added.

The house now owned by Perley Goddard, was purchased by him of A. L. Hawes, who had previously bought it of Charles Leland's widow. The house was built by Lieut. James Whipple, about 1775. After his death his son, Thaddeus Whipple, purchased it and sold some of the land. The property was subsequently sold to Charles Leland, and after his death was owned by his widow as above. The old Whipple house, built by Dea. James Whipple, who came to this town from Ipswich Hamlet in 1735, stood on the opposite side of the road from the present house, at the west of the present barn.

The house now owned and occupied by Charles R. White, came into his possession by the death of his father, Samuel White, who removed to this town from Pomfret, Conn. He purchased the property in 1851, of Oliver Adams. Mr. Adams purchased of Morey Farnum, who had owned the farm for about twelve years. The house was probably built by John Whipple, who resided here until his death. The house was two stories in front, with a gable roof running back nearly to the ground. After John Whipple's death the property was owned by Jonathan Whipple.

The Luke Leland house on the Farnumsville road, was built by Eleazer Whipple, who took down the old house and barn. These were owned by Ephraim Sherman and Ephraim Sherman, Jr.

The old Sherman house, built by Ephraim Sherman, in which he resided during his life, stood nearly on the site of B. Bassett's house in Farnumsville. This is claimed by his descendants to have been the third frame house built in this town. This house was afterwards owned by Moses Sherman and his son Samuel, who had it taken down and built the house now owned by his son, Tarrant Sherman.

The house on Pleasant street now owned by Mr. Hitchins, was built by Samuel Leland. He was a blacksmith and had a shop here. The house now owned by Mr. Pullard stood between the Hitchins house and the blacksmith shop, and was moved to its present site about 1855, and sold to Royal Leland. It was subsequently sold to Samuel Leland, who in turn disposed of it to the present owner, Pullard.

On the site of the house formerly owned by Rev. William G. Scandlin, stood an old house which was built by Samuel Miner, who resided in it until his death, when John Roberts, his son-in-law, came into possession of it and took down the buildings and erected the present ones.

The house in which Charles Batcheller and his mother reside, was owned by Joseph Batcheller, his father. He

purchased it of Isaac Southwick, who erected the buildings. The old house stood on the opposite side of the road from the present house, and was probably built by Daniel Axtell, who resided here some time. Timothy Temple next owned it, of whom Mr. Southwick purchased it.

The first house north of the Benjamin Heywood place, was once owned and occupied by Levi Leland; he built the present grist-mill and privilege, and died here. There was a clothier's shop near this house in which Benjamin and Levi Heywood conducted this business. It had previously been carried on by Holly Dorr; he went to Boston and engaged in business with John Whitney. A Mr. White also lived here and carried on the business; he came from Boston, and had a large family. White sold to the Heywoods. Benjamin Leathe at one time owned the mill property. The Heywood brothers took down the old house and built the house recently owned by Benjamin Heywood, Jr.

The old Phillips house, where the families of Ebenezer, John and Andrew Smith resided, is situated between Wilkinsonville, in Sutton, and Grafton Centre. There are two routes, one through Saundersville, and the other *via* the road which passes the house. Here Saundersville can be seen half a mile distant. This house was at one time owned by Samuel Leland, who had a blacksmith shop here. He moved from here to the Charles Prentice house in the Centre, and had his blacksmith shop on the site of George F. Slocomb's boot and shoe manufactory. He subsequently owned the Hitchins house.

The house and land now owned by Deacon John McClellan was purchased of the heir of Col. Joshua W. Leland. Deacon McClellan resided on the farm in Sutton, which he acquired from his grandfather; it was sold in 1865, to Reuben R. Dodge. On this spot more than one hundred and fifty years ago, James Leland, who came here from Sherburne, settled. He was the ancestor of all the numerous



family by that name in this town. He was succeeded by his son, Phineas Leland, and he in turn by his son, Phineas Leland, Jr., and finally by Col. Joshua W. as above. Col. Leland died without issue. This farm of Major McClellan's is one of the best in town, situated in Saundersville, on the banks of the old Blackstone River. The present house was erected in 1792.

The next house is owned by the heirs of the late Washington White. Deacon White was born in Northbridge, the son of Jesse W. and Anna (Mason) White. Her grandfather Mason died from a casualty at Thompson, Ct., aged upwards of 103 years. Mr. White belonged to a family of eleven children. In his death the town lost another of its honored and aged citizens. Moving for the last few years of his life amid the quiet scenes of home, to which he was ardently attached, and under whose affectionate care his growing infirmities were alleviated as far as it was possible for them to be, he was not prominent in public affairs. He was one, however, who took a deep interest in the welfare of his town. For years he filled the office of deacon in the church in Saundersville; confided in for his simple piety; honored for his integrity; esteemed by his neighbors; the centre of filial love to his devoted children. The house was sold to Mr. White by George K. Nichols, M. D., who removed to the Centre.

Prior to 1800, an old house stood near the present site of the blacksmith shop in Saundersville. This was owned and occupied by a Mr. Pierce, who had a grist-mill about where Saunders' cotton mill now stands.

Another old house stood near the site now occupied by the residence of Esek Saunders, and was the residence of Caleb Leland. After his removal to Vermont the house was owned by Charles Leland, who built a new house and took the old one down. This was occupied by Mr. Saunders until he erected his present residence.

The house of Jonas Brown, situated near the Sutton line, in Wilkinsonville, was a very old house. It was occupied by his sons, Clark and Jonas, Jr.; the latter removed to Paxton. Clark Brown had the largest number of children born in this house of any person ever a resident in this town. He had the old house taken down, and built the present house, now owned by his son, Horace Brown.

Aaron Brigham, the ancestor of the family of this name in this town, removed here from Marlborough, and erected his dwelling nearly on the site of the house now owned and occupied by John Crosby, about 1734. The present house of Mr. Crosby was built about 1835.

The house in which Ezekiel Brigham resided was built by him just below the house now occupied by Miss Diadamia Brigham, on Brigham Hill, about 1750, at which time the only way of reaching this beautiful elevation was by a bridle path through the dense forest.

Lieut. Ezekiel Brigham, son of the above, erected his dwelling on the opposite side of the road from his father's, about 1784, which he occupied until his death. The house was consumed by fire in September, 1869.

Elisha Brigham erected his dwelling about 1745, on the summit of Brigham Hill, and beyond the present house of Miss Diadamia Brigham. He continued to reside in it until his death, when the property came into possession of his daughter, who had married Zebulon Daniels. Here she resided until about 1800, when it was vacated on account of its unfitness. The house and barn were demolished by the wind, during the gale, in the year 1815. Oliver M. Brigham purchased the property in 1823. The spots where the above houses of the Brighams have been located are fixed by the cellar holes, which still remain unfilled.

The house in which Ebenezer Wheeler, who came here from Concord, lived, is still standing. He was dismissed

from the Baptist Church in Leicester, to form a church of the same denomination here. The house is now used by Edmond F. Wheeler, a descendant, for his carriage and wood-house. The house in which Mr. Wheeler now lives was erected in June, 1786, by Col. Jonathan Wheeler, who at his death was the owner of a large estate. This house, notwithstanding it has been built nearly one hundred years, is in an excellent state of preservation. The timbers, which are of oak, are all perfect, and the masonry in the cellar is as good, if not better, than it was the day it was done. Persons wishing to see what was called one of the best houses in the country, in its day, are invited to call and examine this house. Nothing is more pleasing to Mr. Wheeler than to show visitors over the place and relate the several incidents and sketches connected with it, and his ancestors. He came in possession of the estate through his father, Gabriel F. Wheeler.

Among the older houses in New England Village is the house now owned by Lewis Bigelow. This was built by Nathan Johnson, who resided in it, and sold it to Ebenezer Leland, and it was finally purchased by Mr. Bigelow. This house is situated on the Westborough road, near Pine Grove Cemetery.

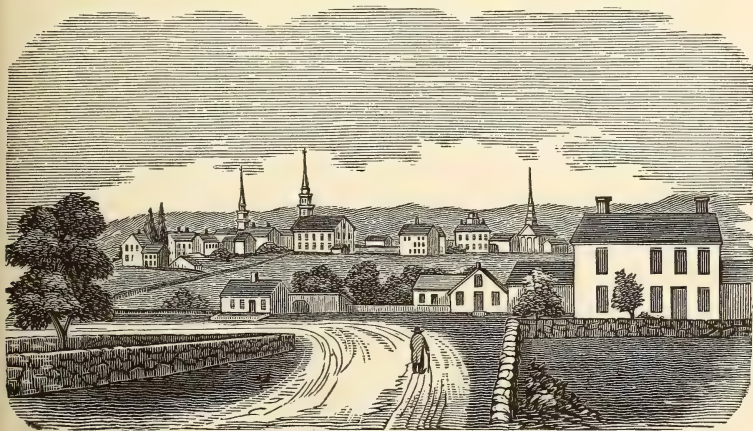
The old Zadock Putnam house is one of the oldest. He came here from Salem, Mass. The house is now very much dilapidated, and stands unoccupied in the lower part of the mill-yard of the Washington Emery mill. The house can be seen quite plainly from the car as the Dummy passes through the village.

Another old house is the Nahum Stone house, situated on the eminence in the rear of the Baptist Church.

The house now owned and occupied by John Putnam, was built by Captain Remington, in 1806-7.

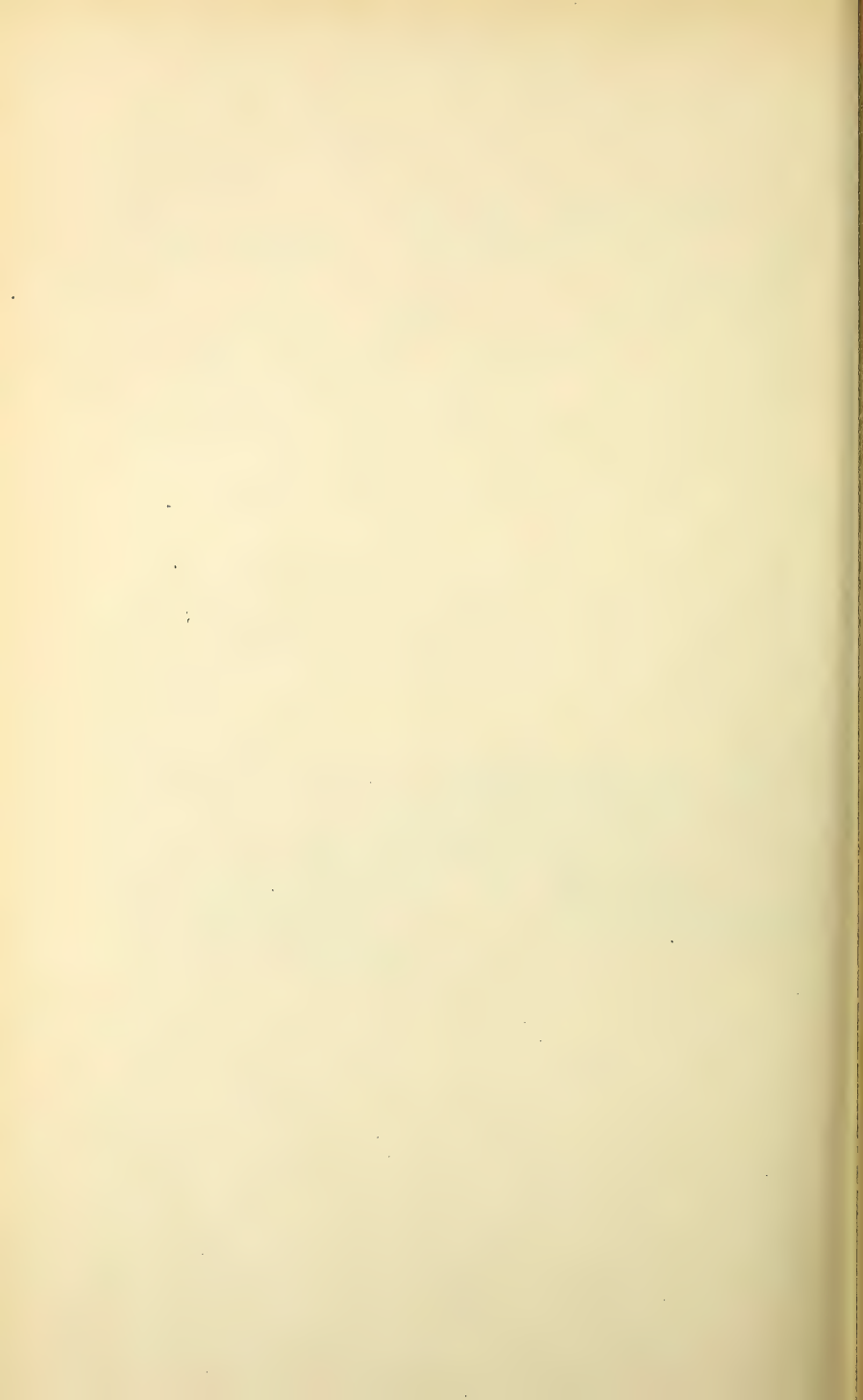
Samuel Harrington had a hotel, from about 1795 until his decease, March 27, 1838, aged 84, on the old Grafton road, now Harrington street, Worcester, near the Worcester and Grafton line.

The old hotel, which stood on the site of the present hotel in New England Village, was moved and converted into a dwelling-house. It now stands just below the hotel, on the road leading to the depot, and is owned by Mrs. Hartwell. The hotel was kept about 1800, by Thomas Smith ; subsequently by Pardon Aldrich. This house was probably built by Col. Luke Drury.



VIEW OF GRAFTON AS IT WAS IN 1839.

The above engraving shows the appearance of Grafton, as it was seen about half a mile distant, on the old Upton road, near the house of Mr. Frederick Waterman, in 1839. The spire seen on the left is that of the Congregational (Orthodox) Church ; the next is the Baptist ; that on the right is the Congregational (Unitarian). The large building on the right, with a cupola, is the Hassanamisco House, now the Grafton House.





## OFFICIAL AND STATISTICAL HISTORY.

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### CHAPTER TENTH.

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List of Moderators.—List of Selectmen.—List of Treasurers.—List of Assessors.—List of Representatives.—List of School Committees.—List of Constables.—List of Town Clerks.—List of Deputy-Sheriffs.—Facts and figures from the census of 1865 and 1875.

THIS chapter contains the names of persons who have filled the principal town offices. The matter, though not very readable, will be interesting to the individuals and their friends, and valuable for reference.

The word Selectmen in the old records is written *Select-Men* and *Townsmen*; they exercised a great variety of powers, anything and everything, not expressly provided for, fell by custom at least, within their jurisdiction. To be a Selectman in olden times—to be regarded as one of the “fathers of the town,” and a depository of almost unlimited power, was considered no small honor.

#### MODERATORS AT PROPRIETORS' MEETINGS.

EDWARD GODDARD,	April 9, 1728	SAMUEL CHANDLER,	May 20, 1729
WILLIAM ROGERS,	June 18, 1728	ZERUBBABLE EAGER,	Sept. 2, 1729
SAMUEL CHANDLER,	July 9, 1728	ZERUBBABLE EAGER,	Nov. 4, 1729
ZERUBBABLE EAGER,	Sept. 1, 1728	SAMUEL CHANDLER,	Jan. 6, 1730
PHINEAS RICE,	Nov. 5, 1728	Capt. NATH. BRIGHAM,	Mar. 31, 1730
PHINEAS RICE,	Nov. 19, 1728	ZERUBBABLE EAGER,	May 21, 1730
ZERUBBABLE EAGER,	Feb. 18, 1729	ZERUBBABLE EAGER,	Mar. 19, 1731
ZERUBBABLE EAGER,	Mar. 18, 1729	ZERUBBABLE EAGER,	May 18, 1731

JONATHAN MORSE,	June 23, 1731	JOHN SHERMAN,	Nov. 7, 1738
ZERUBBABLE EAGER,	Sept. 4, 1731	ZERUBBABLE EAGER,	Nov. 7, 1738
ZERUBBABLE EAGER,	Oct. 12, 1731	ZERUBBABLE EAGER,	Dec. 5, 1738
JONATHAN MORSE,	Nov. —, 1731	NATHANIEL SHERMAN,	Jan. 2, 1739
ZERUBBABLE EAGER,	Mar. 20, 1732	NATHANIEL SHERMAN,	Jan. 23, 1739
ZERUBBABLE EAGER,	May 16, 1732	NATHANIEL SHERMAN,	Feb. 21, 1739
SAMUEL CHANDLER,	July 11, 1732	THOMAS PRATT,	July 24, 1739
JAMES HOUGHTON,	August 22, 1732	THOMAS PRATT,	August 7, 1739
PHINEAS RICE,	March 27, 1733	THOMAS PRATT,	Sept. 25, 1739
PHINEAS RICE,	June 12, 1733	THOMAS PRATT,	Oct. 26, 1739
ZERUBBABLE EAGER,	Aug. 7, 1733	NATHANIEL SHERMAN,	Dec. 11, 1739
PHINEAS RICE,	Dec. 25, 1733	NATHANIEL SHERMAN,	Feb. 19, 1740
PHINEAS RICE,	Jan. 16, 1734	THOMAS PRATT,	April 15, 1740
NEHEMIAH HOW,	June 16, 1734	THOMAS PRATT,	May 28, 1740
NEHEMIAH HOW,	Sept. 12, 1734	NATHANIEL SHERMAN,	June 26, 1740
JOHN SHERMAN,	Nov. 26, 1734	THOMAS PRATT,	August 5, 1740
JOHN SHERMAN,	Jan. 28, 1735	THOMAS PRATT,	Oct. 31, 1740
JOHN SHERMAN,	May 21, 1735	CHARLES BRIGHAM,	Dec. 1, 1740
JONAS HOUGHTON,	July 10, 1735	JAMES WHIPPLE,	March 23, 1741
JONATHAN RICE,	Oct. 21, 1735	THOMAS PRATT,	April 14, 1741
JONATHAN RICE,	Dec. 9, 1735	THOMAS PRATT,	May 19, 1741
JONATHAN RICE,	Jan. 11, 1736	THOMAS PRATT,	May 28, 1741
SAMUEL CHANDLER,	Feb. 24, 1736	THOMAS PRATT,	July 7, 1741
JONATHAN RICE,	June 11, 1736	JONATHAN MORSE,	July —, 1741
JONATHAN MORSE,	Nov. 2, 1736	THOMAS PRATT,	Oct. 13, 1741
JONATHAN MORSE,	Dec. 7, 1736	JOSEPH WILLARD,	Dec. 30, 1741
JOHN HUNT,	Dec. 28, 1736	JOSEPH WILLARD,	Feb. 9, 1742
JOHN HUNT,	Jan. 13, 1737	JOSEPH WILLARD,	March 29, 1742
JOHN HUNT,	Feb. 3, 1737	JOSEPH WILLARD,	May 19, 1742
ZERUBBABLE EAGER,	June 14, 1737	JOSEPH WILLARD,	June 15, 1742
JOHN SHERMAN,	Nov. 1, 1737	JOSEPH WILLARD,	July 6, 1742
ZERUBBABLE EAGER,	Dec. 6, 1737	THOMAS PRATT,	Oct. 5, 1742
JOHN SHERMAN,	March 21, 1738	THOMAS PRATT,	Oct. 19, 1742
JOHN SHERMAN,	May 16, 1738	THOMAS PRATT,	Dec. 28, 1742
RICHARD TAYLOR,	June 1, 1738		

## MODERATORS AT TOWN MEETINGS.

THOMAS PRATT, 1735, '36, '37.	CHARLES BRIGHAM, 1752, '53, '54.
SAMUEL COOPER, 1738.	NATHANIEL SHERMAN, 1755, '56,
CHARLES BRIGHAM, 1739.	'57, '58, '59, '60, '61.
THOMAS PRATT, 1740.	Rev. SOLOMON PRENTICE, 1762.
Capt. JOSEPH WILLARD, 1741.	NATHANIEL SHERMAN, 1763, '64,
NATHANIEL SHERMAN, 1742, '43.	'65, '66.
THOMAS PRATT, 1744, '45, '46, '47,	JOSEPH BATCHELOR, 1767, '68,
'48, '49.	'69, '70.
NATHANIEL SHERMAN, 1750, '51.	ABRAHAM TEMPLE, 1771.

JOSEPH BATCHELOR, 1772.  
 NATHANIEL SHERMAN, Jr., 1773.  
 JOHN SHERMAN, 1774.  
 NATHANIEL SHERMAN, Jr., 1775,  
 '76, '77.  
 PERLEY BATCHELOR, 1778.  
 JOSEPH BRUCE, 1779.  
 PERLEY BATCHELOR, 1780, '81,  
 '82.  
 DR. TIMOTHY DARLING, 1783.  
 PERLEY BATCHELOR, 1784, '85, '86.  
 NATHANIEL SHERMAN, 1787, '88,  
 '89, '90.  
 COL. LUKE DRURY, 1791.  
 DR. JOSEPH WOOD, 1792, '93, '94.  
 PERLEY BATCHELOR, 1795, '96, '97.  
 NATHANIEL ADAMS, 1798, '99,  
 1800.  
 PERLEY BATCHELOR, 1801, '02.  
 SAMUEL ADAMS, 1803.  
 EPHRAIM GOULDING, 1804.  
 JOSEPH WOOD, 1805, '06.  
 DAVID WADSWORTH, 1807, '08.  
 JONATHAN WHEELER, Jr., 1809,  
 '10, '11.  
 JOSEPHUS WILLARD, 1812.  
 SAMUEL ADAMS, 1813.  
 EPHRAIM GOULDING, 1814.

JOSEPHUS WILLARD, 1815.  
 EPHRAIM GOULDING, 1816, '17,  
 '18.  
 OLIVER KIMBALL, 1819.  
 EPHRAIM GOULDING, 1820, '21,  
 '22, '23.  
 CYRUS LELAND, 1824, '25, '26.  
 EPHRAIM GOULDING, 1827, '28.  
 CYRUS LELAND, 1829, '30, '31.  
 JOSHUA HARRINGTON, 1832.  
 PARDON ALDRICH, 1833.  
 HARRY WOOD, 1834.  
 JOSHUA HARRINGTON, 1835.  
 JOSEPH BRUCE, 1836, '37, '38, '39.  
 CHARLES BRIGHAM, Jr., 1840.  
 JOSEPH BRUCE, 1841, '42, '43, '44.  
 CHARLES BRIGHAM, Jr., 1845, '46.  
 JOSEPH BRUCE, 1847, '48.  
 OTIS ADAMS, 1849, '50.  
 ESEK SAUNDERS, 1851.  
 JOSEPH BRUCE, 1852.  
 OTIS ADAMS, 1853, '54.  
 FREDERICK BRIMBLECOM, 1855.  
 CHARLES BRIGHAM, 1856.  
 LIBERTY WOOD, 1857.  
 S. DAVIS HALL, 1858, '59, '60, '61,  
 '62, '63, '64, '65, '66, '67, '68, '69, '70,  
 '71, '72, '73, '74, '75, '76, '77, '78, '79.

## SELECT-MEN.

1728.—Nathan Brigham, Zerubbable Eager, John Sherman, Phineas Rice, Samuel Stow, Jonathan Morse.

1729.—Samuel Chandler, Zerubbable Eager, John Hunt, Samuel Brigham, Jonas Houghton, Simon Gates.

1730.—Zerubbable Eager, John Sherman, Samuel Biglo, Phineas Rice, Samuel Hall, Richard Taylor.

1731.—Zerubbable Eager, Samuel

Brigham, Samuel Chandler, Phineas Rice, Samuel Biglo, Eleazer Flag.

1732.—Jonas Houghton, Samuel Chandler, Zerubbable Eager, Richard Taylor, Samuel Stow.

1733.—John Sherman, Samuel Biglo, Zerubbable Eager, Jonathan Morse, Samuel Stow.

1734.—Zerubbable Eager, John Sherman, Jonathan Morse, Samuel Stow, David Harrington.

## SELECTMEN.

1735.—James Whipple, Samuel Cooper, Thomas Pratt, Nehemiah How, Capt. Joseph Willard.

1736.—Oliver Ward, Nathaniel Sherman, Charles Brigham, Thomas Axtell, John Foster.

1737.—Nathaniel Sherman, Capt. James Leland, John Foster, Charles Brigham, Simon Willard.

1738.—Samuel Cooper, Nathaniel Sherman, Samuel Warrin, Phineas Hardy, Thomas Stow.

1739.—Charles Brigham, Jr., Thomas Pratt, Thomas Stow, Israel Stevens, Samuel Warrin.

1740.—Thomas Pratt, Captain Joseph Willard, Thomas Stow, Charles Brigham, Abner Stow.

1741.—Phineas Hardy, Joseph Willard, Jonathan Hall, Samuel Warrin, Benjamin Chapin.

1742.—Capt. Joseph Willard, Nathaniel Sherman, Ebenezer Brooks, Thomas Drury, Charles Brigham.

1743.—Samuel Cooper, Nathaniel Sherman, Ebenezer Brooks, Marke Batcheller, Samuel Warrin.

1744.—Capt. Joseph Willard, Charles Brigham, Samuel Warrin, Joseph Merriam, James Whipple.

1745.—Charles Brigham, Joseph Willard, Abner Stow, Joseph Merriam, Ephraim Sherman.

1746.—Charles Brigham, Joseph Willard, Abner Stow, Joseph Merriam, Ephraim Sherman.

1747.—Capt. Joseph Willard, Charles Brigham, Jonathan Hall, Ephraim Sherman, Israel Stevens.

1748.—Joseph Merriam, Abner Stow, Capt. Joseph Willard, David Wadsworth, Jacob Whipple.

1749.—Joseph Merriam, Abner Stow, David Wadsworth, Hezekiah Ward, Samuel Warrin.

1750.—Joseph Merriam, Abner Stow, Samuel Warrin, Charles Brigham, Nathaniel Sherman.

1751.—Joseph Merriam, Abner Stow, Nathaniel Sherman, Charles Brigham, Joseph Batcheller.

1752.—Phineas Rice, Nathaniel Sherman, Charles Brigham, Joseph Merriam, Israel Stevens.

1753.—Joseph Merriam, Charles Brigham, Abner Stow, Ebenezer Brooks, Nathaniel Sherman.

1754.—Joseph Merriam, Abner Stow, Charles Brigham, Ebenezer Brooks, Ephraim Sherman.

1755.—Ephraim Sherman, Joseph Batcheller, Joseph Rice, Nathaniel Stedman, Hezekiah Taylor.

1756.—Ephraim Sherman, Thomas Drury, Hezekiah Taylor, Andrew Adams, Nathaniel Stedman.

1757.—Ephraim Sherman, Hezekiah Taylor, Joseph Rice, John Sherman, Benjamin Goddard.

1758.—Joseph Merriam, James Whipple, Noah Brooks, Joseph Batcheller, Nathaniel Stedman.

1759.—Ephraim Sherman, Joseph Merriam, Joseph Batcheller, Abner Stow, John Sherman.

1760.—Ephraim Sherman, John Sherman, Israel Stevens, Hezekiah Taylor, Joseph Batcheller.

1761.—Thomas Drury, John Sherman, Ebenezer Cutler, Noah Brooks, Timothy Darling.

1762.—Joseph Batcheller, John Sherman, Ebenezer Cutler, Timothy Darling, James Leland, Jr.



1763.—Charles Brigham, Abraham Temple, Joseph Merriam, Solomon Stow, Silas Warrin.

1764.—Ephraim Sherman, Joseph Batcheller, Joseph Merriam, John Goulding, Noah Brooks.

1765.—John Sherman, Ephraim Sherman, Simon Brooks, Timothy Darling, John Goulding.

1766.—Ephraim Sherman, John Goulding, Simon Brooks, Joseph Batcheller, Timothy Darling.

1767.—Joseph Batcheller, John Sherman, Timothy Darling, David Forbush, Joel Brooks.

1768.—Joseph Batcheller, Ephraim Sherman, Joseph Willard, Jr., James Leland, Noah Brooks.

1769.—Joseph Batcheller, Ephraim Sherman, David Forbush, Phineas Leland, Abraham Brown.

1770.—Joseph Batcheller, Ephraim Sherman, John Goulding, Andrew Adams, Timothy Darling.

1771.—James Leland, John Sherman, Nathaniel Prentice, Elisha Brigham, David Wadsworth.

1772.—Joseph Batcheller, Charles Brigham, John Goulding, Nathaniel Prentice, James Whipple.

1773.—Joseph Batcheller, Abraham Brown, Luke Drury, Asaph Sherman, Benjamin Garfield.

1774.—Joseph Batcheller, Simon Brooks, John Sherman, John Goulding, Nathaniel Sherman, Jr.

1775.—Joseph Batcheller, Simon Brooks, Hezekiah Taylor, Nathaniel Sherman, Jr., John Prentice.

1776.—Joseph Batcheller, Nathaniel Sherman, Jr., David Forbush, Aaron Kimball, Hezekiah Taylor.

1777.—Joseph Batcheller, John Sherman, Benjamin Goddard, Jonathan Stow, Asaph Sherman.

1778.—Benjamin Goddard, William Brigham, Elisha Brigham, Ephraim Lyon, Perley Batcheller.

1779.—Benjamin Goddard, Silas Warrin, Timothy Sherman, Andrew Adams, Moses Harrington.

1780.—Jonathan Stow, Joel Brooks, Moses Holbrook, Elijah Drury, Joseph Bruce.

1781.—Perley Batcheller, Elisha Brigham, John Whipple, Phineas Leland, Andrew Adams.

1782.—Benjamin Goddard, Samuel Flagg, Ephraim Sherman, David Forbush, John Goulding.

1783.—Perley Batcheller, Luke Drury, Moses Holbrook, Timothy Sherman, Nathaniel Adams.

1784.—Benjamin Goddard, James Whipple, Joseph Whipple, Joseph Warrin, Shelomith Stow.

1785.—Perley Batcheller, Timothy Sherman, Zebadee Redding, Joseph Wood, William Brigham.

1786.—Benja. Walker, Thomas Bicknell, Thaddeus Read, Moses Hayden, Nahum Stone.

1787.—Benjamin Goddard, Nathaniel Sherman, Joseph Wood, Jonathan Wheeler, Ebenezer Wadsworth.

1788.—Joseph Wood, Nathaniel Sherman, Ebenezer Wadsworth, Benjamin Walker, Thomas Bicknell.

1789.—Benja. Goddard, Joseph Wood, Luke Drury, Eleazer Leland, Noah B. Kimball.

1790.—Perley Batcheller, Nathaniel Sherman, Joseph Wood,



Phineas Leland, Ephraim Sherman.

1791.—Joseph Wood, David Wadsworth, Luke Drury, Benjamin Walker, Eleazer Leland.

1792.—Joseph Wood, Ebenezer Wadsworth, Nahum Stone, Benjamin Goddard, Benjamin Walker.

1793.—Joseph Wood, David Wadsworth, Nahum Stone, Eleazer Leland, Noah B. Kimball.

1794.—Joseph Wood, David Wadsworth, Nahum Stone, Eleazer Leland, David W. Leland.

1795.—Perley Batcheller, Nahum Stone, Moses Hayden, Phineas Leland, Jonathan Warren.

1796.—Perley Batcheller, Phineas Leland, John Whipple, Andrew Adams, Moses Adams.

1797.—Perley Batcheller, Andrew Adams, William Brigham, Daniel Hayden, Elijah Brooks.

1798.—Col. Luke Drury, Nathaniel Adams, Timothy Sherman, Elijah Brooks, Moses Adams.

1799.—Nathaniel Adams, Col. Luke Drury, Perley Batcheller, Phineas Leland, James Wheeler.

1800.—Nathaniel Adams, Col. Luke Drury, Perley Batcheller, Phineas Leland, James Wheeler.

1801.—Perley Batcheller, Samuel Adams, Nahum Stone, Samuel Flagg, Ephraim Goulding.

1802.—Perley Batcheller, Samuel Adams, Nahum Stone, Moses Harrington, Ezekiel Brigham.

1803.—Samuel Adams, Nahum Stone, David Wadsworth, Samuel Wood, Royal Keith.

1804.—Nahum Stone, David Wadsworth, Samuel Adams, Ephraim Goulding, Jonathan Wheeler, Jr.

1805.—David Wadsworth, Samuel Flagg, Noah B. Kimball, Samuel Wood, Eleazer Leland.

1806.—David Wadsworth, Noah B. Kimball, Jonathan Wheeler, Jr., Joshua Harrington, Aaron Kimball.

1807.—David Wadsworth, Jonathan Wheeler, Jr., Samuel Adams, Aaron Kimball, Joshua Harrington.

1808.—David Wadsworth, Ebenezer Wadsworth, William Lamb, Joshua Harrington, Silas Forbush.

1809.—William Lamb, Jonathan Wheeler, Jr., Elijah Brooks, Joshua Harrington, Josephus Willard.

1810.—Jonathan Wheeler, Elijah Brooks, Josephus Willard, Perley Goddard, Pardon Aldrich.

1811.—Jonathan Wheeler, Jr., Elijah Brooks, Josephus Willard, Perley Goddard, Pardon Aldrich.

1812.—Joshua Harrington, Josephus Willard, Perley Goddard, Aaron Kimball, Moses Sherman.

1813.—Jonathan Wheeler, Samuel Adams, Phineas Leland, Ephraim Goulding, Royal Keith.

1814.—Phineas Leland, Ephraim Goulding, Royal Keith, Jonathan Wadsworth, Perley Whipple.

1815.—Pardon Aldrich, Phineas Leland, Ephraim Goulding, Royal Keith, Oliver Kimball.

1816.—Pardon Aldrich, Phineas Leland, Royal Keith, Oliver Kimball, Cyrus Leland.

1817.—Oliver Kimball, Josephus Willard, Royal Keith, Joseph Merriam, Albert Stone.

1818.—Royal Keith, Nathaniel Adams, Pardon Aldrich, Joseph Merriam, Jonathan Wadsworth.

1819.—Oliver Kimball, Pardon Aldrich, Peter Farnum, Perley Goddard, Albert Stone.

1820.—Royal Keith, Pardon Aldrich, Perley Goddard, Peter Farnum, Charles Brigham.

1821.—Ephraim Goulding, Josephus Willard, Silas Forbush, Clark Brown, George Putnam.

1822.—Josephus Willard (declined), Col. Cyrus Leland, Clark Brown, Capt. Charles Leland, Isaac W. Wood, Charles Prentice.

1823.—Col. Cyrus Leland, Isaac W. Wood, Charles Prentice, Albert Stone, Perley Goddard.

1824.—Cyrus Leland, Isaac W. Wood, Paul Farnum, Albert Stone, Moses Roberts.

1825.—Cyrus Leland, Isaac W. Wood, Moses Roberts, John Batcheller, Joshua W. Leland.

1826.—Peter Farnum, Perley Goddard, Elijah Brooks, Moses Adams, Charles Cleveland.

1827.—Peter Farnum, Perley Goddard, Elijah Brooks, Moses Adams, Pardon Aldrich.

1828.—Peter Farnum, Perley Goddard, Elijah Brooks, Moses Adams, Joseph Adams.

1829.—Samuel Wood, Harry Wood, Joseph Adams, Joshua W. Leland, Joseph Bruce.

1830.—Harry Wood, Joshua W. Leland, Joseph Bruce, Moses Roberts.

1831.—Samuel Wood, Cyrus Leland, Joseph Bruce, Moses Roberts, Moses H. Adams.

1832.—Samuel Wood, Joseph Bruce, Moses H. Adams, Luke Leland, Peter Farnum, Jr.

1833.—Samuel Wood, Luke Leland, Moses H. Adams, Thaddeus Read, Joshua Harrington, and Joel Forbush in his place.

1834.—Samuel Wood, Luke Leland, Joel Forbush, Jonathan Warren, Charles Aldrich.

1835.—Pardon Aldrich, Jonathan Warren, Charles Aldrich, Nathan Hancock, Oliver M. Brigham.

1836.—Oliver M. Brigham, Nathan Hancock, Chandler M. Pratt, Joseph Adams, Luther Wright.

1837.—Oliver M. Brigham, Charles Brigham, Jr., Joseph Adams, Luther Wright, Silas Forbush, Jr.

1838.—Charles Brigham, Jr., Joseph Adams, Silas Forbush, Jr., Benjamin Kingsbury, Elijah Kimball.

1839.—Benjamin Kingsbury, Elijah Kimball, Joseph Batcheller, Liberty Wood, Noah Kimball.

1840.—Liberty Wood, Silas Forbush, Jr., Esek Saunders, Leonard Wheelock, Jonathan Warren.

1841.—Benjamin Kingsbury, Luke Leland, Levi W. Leland, Joseph Kimball, Samuel W. Putnam.

1842.—Benjamin Kingsbury, Luke Leland, Levi W. Leland, Joseph Kimball, Samuel W. Putnam.

1843.—Noah Kimball, Lawson Munyan, Lewis Holbrook, Samuel Houghton, Willard S. Wood.

1844.—Leonard Wheelock, Samuel Houghton, Lewis Holbrook, Charles Aldrich, Rufus E. Warren.

1845.—Lewis Holbrook, Leonard Wheelock, Samuel Houghton, Charles Aldrich, Rufus E. Warren.

1846.—Luke Leland, Charles God-

dard, Esek Saunders, Philip Wing, Asa F. Smith.

1847.—Esek Saunders, Asa F. Smith, John W. Slocumb, Luther Wright, Abraham M. Bigelow.

1848.—Esek Saunders, Asa F. Smith, John W. Slocumb, Luther Wright, Abraham M. Bigelow.

1849.—Abraham M. Bigelow, Joseph Batcheller, John Waterman, Jonathan W. Stow, Gilbert C. Taft.

1850.—Abraham M. Bigelow, Joseph Batcheller, Jonathan W. Stow, John Whitney, Jefferson Bellows.

1851.—Fred'k Waterman, Lewis Holbrook, Samuel B. Dolliver, Samuel F. Redding, Erastus Fisher.

1852.—Fred'k Waterman, Erastus Fisher, Charles Goddard, Charles Prentice, Benjamin W. Fay.

1853.—Benjamin W. Fay, Charles Prentice, Stephen R. White, Augustus Slocumb, H. D. P. Bigelow.

1854.—Benjamin W. Fay, Charles Prentice, Stephen R. White, Augustus Slocumb, H. D. P. Bigelow.

1855.—Leander G. Pratt, Barnabas Newton, Calvin Wesson, Calvin Clisbee, Calvin S. Thurston.

1856.—Leander S. Pratt, Luke F. Allen, Levi N. Leland, T. A. Buffum, Rufus L. Witherby.

1857.—Luke F. Allen, Rodney Leland, George F. Slocumb, Horace Batcheller, S. E. Goulding.

1858.—Rodney Leland, George F. Slocumb, Horace Batcheller, S. E. Goulding, Silas A. Forbush.

1859.—Horace Batcheller, Silas A. Forbush, Cyrus D. Aldrich, Samuel C. Flag.

1860.—Horace Batcheller, Elijah

B. Brooks, Jonathan D. Wheeler, Horace S. Warren, George W. Estabrook.

1861.—Jonathan D. Wheeler, Horace S. Warren, George W. Estabrook, John McClellan, Ashley W. Rice.

1862.—Jonathan D. Wheeler, John McClellan, Ashley W. Rice, Joseph B. Adams, Cyrus D. Aldrich.

1863.—John McClellan, Joseph B. Adams, Lowell White, Jasper S. Nelson, John B. White.

1864.—Joseph B. Adams, Jasper S. Nelson, William F. Slocum, George F. Slocumb, George K. Nichols.

1865.—William F. Slocum, Geo. F. Slocumb, George K. Nichols, Silas E. Stowe.

1866.—William F. Slocum, Geo. K. Nichols, Silas E. Stowe, S. A. Knowles, C. W. Stratton.

1867.—Silas E. Stowe, Charles C. Wood, Charles Fowler.

1868.—Charles C. Wood, Charles Fowler, H. C. Greenwood, Willard D. Wheeler, S. B. Dolliver.

1869.—Willard D. Wheeler, Charles Fowler, H. C. Greenwood, Henry F. Wing, George H. Rugg.

1870.—Henry F. Wing, George W. Rugg, Joseph Adams, C. C. Willis, Warren L. Munyan.

1871.—Warren L. Munyan, Joseph Adams, Aaron Elliott, J. W. McKenzie, C. C. Willis.

1872.—Abraham M. Bigelow, J. W. McKenzie, Aaron Elliott, J. Henry Wood, G. F. Jourdan.

1873.—G. F. Jourdan, J. Henry

Wood, Franklin Baldwin, J. J. Powers.

1874.—Franklin Baldwin, J. J. Powers, Silas Vinton, Reuben Taft, Thomas T. Griggs.

1875.—Horace Batcheller, Thomas T. Griggs, Silas Vinton, A. D. Shattuck, Jeremiah Robinson.

1876.—George F. Slocomb, S. Davis Hall, L. S. Davis, S. H. Knowlton, Horace S. Warren.

1877.—Alden M. Bigelow, Joseph K. Axtell, George W. Fisher, David L. Fiske, S. H. Knowlton.

1878.—Alden M. Bigelow, George W. Fisher, David L. Fiske, William T. Barker, Edward A. Estabrook.

1879.—Samuel C. Flagg, James G. Putnam, William T. Barker, A. G. Kempton, John P. Crosby.

## TREASURERS.

Capt. James Leland, 1735.

Samuel Cooper, 1736, '37, '38.

Jonathan Hall, 1739, '40, '41, '42, '43, '44, '45, '46, '47.

Abner Stow, 1748.

Ebenezer Brooks, 1749, '50, '51, '52, '53, '54.

Joseph Rice, 1755, '56, '57, '58, '59, '60.

Joseph Merriam, 1761, '62, '63, '64, '65, '66, '67, '68, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74, '75, '76, '77.

Joseph Merriam, Jr., 1778, '79, '80, '81, '82, '83, '84, '85, '86, '87.

Joseph Whipple, 1788, '89, '90, '91, '92, '93, '94.

Nathaniel Adams, 1795, '96, '97, '98, '99, 1800, '01, '02, '03, '04.

Joseph Whipple, 1805, '06, '07, '08.

John Warren, 1809, '10, '11, '12, '13.

Joseph Goddard, 1814.

John Warren, 1815.

John Batcheller, 1816, '17, '18.

Cyrus Leland, 1819.

Samuel Wood, 1820, '21, '22, '23, '24, '25, '26, '27.

Jonathan Wheeler, 1828, '29, '30, '31, '32, '33.

Jonathan Whipple, 1834.

Isaac W. Wood, 1835, '36, '37, '38.

Liberty Wood, 1839, '40.

Jonathan Warren, 1841, '42, '43, '44, '45, '46, '47, '48, '49, '50, '51, '52.

H. D. P. Bigelow, 1853, '54.

Augustus Slocomb, 1855, '56, '57.

Rufus E. Warren, 1858, '59, '60, '61.

Horace S. Warren, 1862, '63.

George F. Slocomb, 1864, '65.

Rufus E. Warren, 1866, '67, '68, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74, '75, '76, '77, '78, '79.

## ASSESSORS.

1736.—Jonathan Hall, Isaac Barnard, Phineas Hardy.

1737.—Nehemiah How, Jonathan Hall, John Foster.

1738.—Jonathan Hall, Phineas Hardy, Samuel Warrin.

1739.—Phineas Hardy, Jonathan Hall, Samuel Warrin.

1740.—Phineas Hardy, Jonathan Hall, Samuel Warrin.

1741.—Abner Stow, Phineas Hardy, Benjamin Goddard.



- 1742.—Benjamin Goddard, John Tery, Samuel Warrin.
- 1743.—Phineas Hardy, Samuel Warrin, Abner Stow.
- 1744.—Phineas Hardy, Abner Stow, Samuel Warrin.
- 1745.—Samuel Warrin, Abner Stow, David Wadsworth.
- 1746.—Samuel Warrin, Abner Stow, David Wadsworth.
- 1747.—Samuel Warrin, David Wadsworth, Abner Stow.
- 1748.—Abner Stow, David Wadsworth, Charles Brigham.
- 1749.—David Wadsworth, Abner Stow, Samuel Warrin.
- 1750.—Abner Stow, Charles Brigham, Samuel Warrin.
- 1751.—Abner Stow, Samuel Warrin, Benjamin Willard.
- 1752.—Phineas Rice, Benjamin Willard, Nathaniel Sherman.
- 1753.—Benjamin Willard, Phineas Rice, Nathaniel Sherman.
- 1754.—Samuel Warrin, Hezekiah Taylor, Joseph Batcheller.
- 1755.—Benjamin Willard, David Harrington, Nathaniel Ball.
- 1756.—Samuel Warrin, John Goulding, Charles Brigham.
- 1757.—Nathan'l Stedman, Joseph Merriam, Hezekiah Taylor.
- 1758.—Benjamin Willard, Abner Stow, Hezekiah Taylor.
- 1759.—John Goulding, David Forbush, Hezekiah Taylor.
- 1760.—John Goulding, Benjamin Willard, Hezekiah Taylor.
- 1761.—Abner Stow, Samuel Warrin, Benjamin Willard.
- 1762.—Hezekiah Taylor, Samuel Warrin, Abner Stow.
- 1763.—Joseph Merriam, Charles Brigham, Abner Stow.
- 1764.—John Goulding, Timothy Darling, Joseph Batcheller.
- 1765.—John Goulding, Simon Brooks, Joseph Batcheller.
- 1766.—John Goulding, Simon Brooks, Joseph Batcheller.
- 1767.—Joseph Batcheller, Samuel Warrin, Simon Brooks.
- 1768.—Charles Brigham, John Goulding, John Prentice.
- 1769.—John Goulding, Nathaniel Prentice, Charles Brigham.
- 1770.—John Prentice, Hezekiah Taylor, Abraham Brown.
- 1771.—The Selectmen.
- 1772.—[None].
- 1773.—John Prentice, Joseph Merriam, Simon Brooks.
- 1774.—John Prentice, Joseph Merriam, Benjamin Goddard.
- 1775.—[None].
- 1776.—Joseph Merriam, Jr., Benjamin Goddard, Jonathan Stow.
- 1777.—Benjamin Goddard, Ephraim Lyon, William Brigham.
- 1778.—Joseph Merriam, Jr., Benjamin Garfield, Jonathan Stow.
- 1779.—Joseph Merriam, Jr., Dr. Joseph Wood, Jonathan Stow.
- 1780.—Benjamin Goddard, William Brigham, Thomas Bicknell.
- 1781.—John Thurston, Joseph Merriam, Jr., Nathaniel Ward.
- 1782.—Timothy Sherman, Joseph Whipple, Nathaniel Ward.
- 1783.—Jonathan Stow, Benjamin Goddard, Timothy Sherman.
- 1784.—Jonathan Stow, Timothy Sherman, Thomas Bicknell.



1785.—Jonathan Stow, Timothy Sherman, Thomas Bicknell.

1786.—Benjamin Walker, Thomas Bicknell, Thaddeus Read.

1787.—David Wadsworth, Joseph Wood, Ephraim Lyon.

1788.—David Wadsworth, Benjamin Walker, Jonathan Wheeler.

1789.—Jonathan Stow, Thomas Bicknell, William Brigham.

1790.—David Wadsworth, Joseph Wood, Joseph Whipple.

1791.—Joseph Wood, David Wadsworth, John Whipple.

1792.—David Wadsworth, Joseph Wood, Benjamin Goddard.

1793.—David Wadsworth, Joseph Wood, Benjamin Goddard.

1794.—Col. Luke Drury, Joseph Merriam, Jr., Timothy Sherman.

1795.—Col. Luke Drury, Joseph Merriam, Jr., Timothy Sherman.

1796.—Col. Luke Drury, Joseph Merriam, Jr., Timothy Sherman.

1797.—Benja. Goddard, Joseph Wood, Thaddeus Read.

1798.—Joseph Wood, Thaddeus Read, Joseph Merriam.

1799.—Thaddeus Read, Andrew Adams, Benjamin Goddard.

1800.—Thaddeus Read, Benjamin Goddard, Nahum Stone.

1801.—Thaddeus Read, Benjamin Goddard, John Warren.

1802.—Thaddeus Read, Ephraim Goulding, Jonathan Wheeler, Jr.

1803.—Jonas Brown, Josephus Willard, Joseph Merriam, Jr.

1804.—Thaddeus Read, Jonas Brown, Josephus Willard.

1805.—Jonas Brown, Josephus Willard, Joshua Harrington.

1806.—Josephus Willard, Jonas Brown, John Warren.

1807.—Joseph Willard, John Warren, Oliver Kimball.

1808.—John Putnam, Oliver Kimball, Albert Stone.

1809.—Oliver Kimball, Albert Stone, John Putnam.

1810.—Oliver Kimball, Albert Stone, John Warren.

1811.—Oliver Kimball, Albert Stone, Joseph Merriam, Jr.

1812.—Joseph Merriam, Jr., Thaddeus Read, Levi Goddard.

1813.—Joseph Merriam, Jr., Thaddeus Read, Stephen Holbrook.

1814.—Joseph Merriam, Jr., Thaddeus Read, Charles Brigham.

1815.—Joseph Merriam, Jr., Albert Stone, Cyrus Wadsworth.

1816.—Thaddeus Read, Cyrus Wadsworth, Joshua W. Leland.

1817.—Joshua W. Leland, Nathaniel Adams, Jr., Charles Prentice.

1818.—Joshua W. Leland, Nathaniel Adams, Charles Prentice.

1819.—Josephus Willard, Amasa Roberts, David Sherman, Jr.

1820.—Amasa Roberts, Nathaniel Adams, Jr., Paul Farnum.

1821.—Albert Stone, Charles Prentice, Joseph Bruce.

1822.—Albert Stone, Joseph Bruce, Charles Prentice.

1823.—Moses Roberts, Paul Farnum, Thaddeus Read, Jr.

1824.—Amasa Roberts, Harry Wood, Jonathan Wheeler.

1825.—Joseph Bruce, Thaddeus Read, Austin Holbrook.

1826.—Austin Holbrook, Luke Leland, Oliver M. Brigham.

Albert Stone,	1840, 1841	Seth J. Axtell,	1861
Rev. Otis Converse,	1842, 1843	Rev. William G. Scandlin,	1862
Jonathan Warren,	1844	Joseph M. Rockwood,	1863
Esek Saunders,	1845, 1846	Stephen R. White,	1864
Joseph Bruce,	1847	S. Davis Hall,	1865
No choice in	1848	John McClellan,	1866
John Whitney,	1849	J. H. Wood,	1867
Dr. Levi Rawson,	1850	George K. Nichols,	1868
Abraham M. Bigelow,	1851	Thomas Rice,	1869
Charles Goddard,	1852	Jasper S. Nelson,	1870
Benjamin Kingsbury,	1853	George F. Slocomb,	1871
Samuel C. Flagg,	1854	George H. Harlow,	1872
Chandler M. Pratt,	1855	Charles L. Pratt,	1873
Luke F. Allen,	1856	Dr. Thomas T. Griggs,	1874
Rufus E. Warren,	1857	Col. John F. Searle,	1875
Gilbert C. Taft,	1858	Henry B. Osgood,	1876
Charles Brigham,	1859	Rev. Lucius M. Sargent,	1877
William F. Slocomb,	1860	Francis E. Fowler,	1878

## SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

1737.—Nathaniel Sherman, Capt. James Leland, John Foster, Charles Brigham, Simeon Willard.

1738.—James Whipple, John Foster, Samuel Cooper, Nehemiah How, Thomas Drury.

1739.—Capt. James Leland, Capt. Joseph Willard, Nehemiah How, Caleb Benjamin, Nathaniel Sherman.

1740.—The Selectmen.

1741.—Thomas Pratt, Phineas Hardy, Nathaniel Sherman, Samuel Warren, Israel Stevens.

1742.—The Selectmen.

1743.—The Selectmen.

1744.—Ebenezer Cutler, Charles Brigham, Eleazer Fletcher, Phineas Hardy, Nathaniel Sherman.

1745.—Capt. Jas. Leland, Joseph Axtell, Dea. Merriam, John Sherman, Joseph Rice.

1746.—Israel Stevens, Aaron Hardy, Jacob Whipple, John Sherman, Ebenezer Wadsworth.

1747.—Joseph Rice, Joseph Axtell, Ephraim Sherman, Benjamin Chapin.

1748.—John Sherman, Ebenezer Wadsworth, Joseph Rice, Charles Brigham.

1749.—Nathaniel Sherman, John Holbrook, Israel Stevens, James Moore, Abraham Temple.

1750.—Nathaniel Sherman, Israel Stevens, Ephraim Sherman, Abraham Temple, Charles Brigham.

1751.—Joseph Merriam, Nathaniel Sherman, Ebenezer Cutler, John Sherman, Benjamin Leland.

1752.—Mark Batcheller, Obadiah Newton, Ephraim Sherman, Solomon Stow, Charles Brigham.

1753.—Israel Stevens, Joseph Whipple, Samuel Cooper, John Maynard, Benjamin Leland.

1754.—Benjamin Winchester, Jacob Whipple, Isaac Harrington, John Sherman, Nathaniel Steedmeen.

1755.—James Leland, Silas Warrin, Ephraim Sherman, Charles Brigham, Aaron Hardy, Nathaniel Sherman, Hezekiah Taylor.

1756.—Joseph Merriam, Jacob Whipple, Ebenezer Cutler, Hezekiah Taylor, John Sherman.

1757.—Benjamin Winchester, David Forbush, Phineas Leland, Joseph Rice, Ezekiel Brigham.

1758.—John Goulding, Jacob Stevens, Ephraim Sherman, Capt. Thomas Drury, Joseph Whipple.

1759.—Aaron Brigham, Silas Warrin, Nathaniel Sherman, Nathaniel Cooper, Phineas Leland.

1760.—Joseph Willard, Jr., Joseph Merriam, Nathaniel Sherman, Ephraim Sherman, Ezekiel Brigham.

1761.—Nathaniel Sherman, John Goulding, Benjamin Thurston, Phineas Leland, Aaron Brigham.

1762.—Abraham Temple, Jacob Whipple, Hezekiah Taylor, Simon Brooks, Solomon Stow.

1763.—Hezekiah Ward, Ephraim Sherman, Hezekiah Taylor, John Sherman, Aaron Kimball.

1764.—[None chosen].

1765.—Silas Warrin, Phineas Rice, Samuel Warrin.

1766.—Simon Brooks, Mark Batcheller, Peter Fiske, Moses Harrington, Capt. John Goulding.

1767.—Joseph Winchester, Chas. Brigham, Esq., Jacob Whipple, Nathaniel S. Prentice, Silas Warrin.

1768.—Andrew Adams, Ebenezer Sadler, John Maynard, John Goulding, David Forbush.

1769.—Seth Miller, Luke Drury, Nathaniel Sherman, Jr., Ephraim Sherman, Ebenezer Cutler.

1770.—Asaph Sherman, Silas Warrin, Simon Brooks, Joseph Winchester, Samuel Warren, Jr.

1771.—The Selectmen.

1772.—Nathaniel Sherman, Jr., Benjamin Rockwood, Ephraim Sherman, Joseph Willard, Jr., Lieut. Phineas Leland.

1773.—David Grout, Elisha Brigham, Silas Warrin, Ephraim Sherman, Asaph Sherman.

1774.—John Goulding, John Thurston, Simon Brooks, Nathaniel Sherman, Timothy Sherman.

1775.—Aaron Kimball, Elisha Brigham, Jonathan Stow, Moses Harrington, Ebenezer Sadler.

1776.—James Whipple, Samuel Warrin, James Leland, Daniel Grout, Moses Hayden.

1777.—Jonathan Stow, Benjamin Goddard, John Sherman, Deacon Joseph Batcheller, Asaph Sherman.

1778.—John Whipple, Daniel Hayden, Nahum Stone, Lieut. Joseph Bruce, Solo. Brooks.

1779.—Capt. Ephraim Lyon, Capt. Luke Drury, Amos Davis, Nathaniel Batcheller, Joseph Perry.

1780.—Phil. Stacey, Joseph Whipple, Phineas Leland, John Thurston, Amos Gale.

1781.—Capt. Joseph Warren, Noah B. Kimball, Benjamin Garfield, Col. John Goulding, Lieut. Moses Hayden.

1782.—Timothy Merriam, Stephen Allen, Col. John Goulding, Jonathan Whipple, William Brigham.

Albert Stone,	1840, 1841	Seth J. Axtell,	1861
Rev. Otis Converse,	1842, 1843	Rev. William G. Scandlin,	1862
Jonathan Warren,	1844	Joseph M. Rockwood,	1863
Esek Saunders,	1845, 1846	Stephen R. White,	1864
Joseph Bruce,	1847	S. Davis Hall,	1865
No choice in	1848	John McClellan,	1866
John Whitney,	1849	J. H. Wood,	1867
Dr. Levi Rawson,	1850	George K. Nichols,	1868
Abraham M. Bigelow,	1851	Thomas Rice,	1869
Charles Goddard,	1852	Jasper S. Nelson,	1870
Benjamin Kingsbury,	1853	George F. Slocomb,	1871
Samuel C. Flagg,	1854	George H. Harlow,	1872
Chandler M. Pratt,	1855	Charles L. Pratt,	1873
Luke F. Allen,	1856	Dr. Thomas T. Griggs,	1874
Rufus E. Warren,	1857	Col. John F. Searle,	1875
Gilbert C. Taft,	1858	Henry B. Osgood,	1876
Charles Brigham,	1859	Rev. Lucius M. Sargent,	1877
William F. Slocomb,	1860	Francis E. Fowler,	1878

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1737.—Nathaniel Sherman, Capt. James Leland, John Foster, Charles Brigham, Sineon Willard.

1738.—James Whipple, John Foster, Samuel Cooper, Nehemiah How, Thomas Drury.

1739.—Capt. James Leland, Capt. Joseph Willard, Nehemiah How, Caleb Benjamin, Nathaniel Sherman.

1740.—The Selectmen.

1741.—Thomas Pratt, Phineas Hardy, Nathaniel Sherman, Samuel Warren, Israel Stevens.

1742.—The Selectmen.

1743.—The Selectmen.

1744.—Ebenezer Cutler, Charles Brigham, Eleazer Fletcher, Phineas Hardy, Nathaniel Sherman.

1745.—Capt. Jas. Leland, Joseph Axtell, Dea. Merriam, John Sherman, Joseph Rice.

1746.—Israel Stevens, Aaron Hardy, Jacob Whipple, John Sherman, Ebenezer Wadsworth.

1747.—Joseph Rice, Joseph Axtell, Ephraim Sherman, Benjamin Chapin.

1748.—John Sherman, Ebenezer Wadsworth, Joseph Rice, Charles Brigham.

1749.—Nathaniel Sherman, John Holbrook, Israel Stevens, James Moore, Abraham Temple.

1750.—Nathaniel Sherman, Israel Stevens, Ephraim Sherman, Abraham Temple, Charles Brigham.

1751.—Joseph Merriam, Nathaniel Sherman, Ebenezer Cutler, John Sherman, Benjamin Leland.

1752.—Mark Batcheller, Obadiah Newton, Ephraim Sherman, Solomon Stow, Charles Brigham.

1753.—Israel Stevens, Joseph Whipple, Samuel Cooper, John Maynard, Benjamin Leland.

1754.—Benjamin Winchester, Jacob Whipple, Isaac Harrington, John Sherman, Nathaniel Steedmen.



1755.—James Leland, Silas Warrin, Ephraim Sherman, Charles Brigham, Aaron Hardy, Nathaniel Sherman, Hezekiah Taylor.

1756.—Joseph Merriam, Jacob Whipple, Ebenezer Cutler, Hezekiah Taylor, John Sherman.

1757.—Benjamin Winchester, David Forbush, Phineas Leland, Joseph Rice, Ezekiel Brigham.

1758.—John Goulding, Jacob Stevens, Ephraim Sherman, Capt. Thomas Drury, Joseph Whipple.

1759.—Aaron Brigham, Silas Warrin, Nathaniel Sherman, Nathaniel Cooper, Phineas Leland.

1760.—Joseph Willard, Jr., Joseph Merriam, Nathaniel Sherman, Ephraim Sherman, Ezekiel Brigham.

1761.—Nathaniel Sherman, John Goulding, Benjamin Thurston, Phineas Leland, Aaron Brigham.

1762.—Abraham Temple, Jacob Whipple, Hezekiah Taylor, Simon Brooks, Solomon Stow.

1763.—Hezekiah Ward, Ephraim Sherman, Hezekiah Taylor, John Sherman, Aaron Kimball.

1764.—[None chosen].

1765.—Silas Warrin, Phineas Rice, Samuel Warrin.

1766.—Simon Brooks, Mark Batcheller, Peter Fiske, Moses Harrington, Capt. John Goulding.

1767.—Joseph Winchester, Chas. Brigham, Esq., Jacob Whipple, Nathaniel S. Prentice, Silas Warrin.

1768.—Andrew Adams, Ebenezer Sadler, John Maynard, John Goulding, David Forbush.

1769.—Seth Miller, Luke Drury, Nathaniel Sherman, Jr., Ephraim Sherman, Ebenezer Cutler.

1770.—Asaph Sherman, Silas Warrin, Simon Brooks, Joseph Winchester, Samuel Warren, Jr.

1771.—The Selectmen.

1772.—Nathaniel Sherman, Jr., Benjamin Rockwood, Ephraim Sherman, Joseph Willard, Jr., Lieut. Phineas Leland.

1773.—David Grout, Elisha Brigham, Silas Warrin, Ephraim Sherman, Asaph Sherman.

1774.—John Goulding, John Thurston, Simon Brooks, Nathaniel Sherman, Timothy Sherman.

1775.—Aaron Kimball, Elisha Brigham, Jonathan Stow, Moses Harrington, Ebenezer Sadler.

1776.—James Whipple, Samuel Warrin, James Leland, Daniel Grout, Moses Hayden.

1777.—Jonathan Stow, Benjamin Goddard, John Sherman, Deacon Joseph Batcheller, Asaph Sherman.

1778.—John Whipple, Daniel Hayden, Nahum Stone, Lieut. Joseph Bruce, Solo. Brooks.

1779.—Capt. Ephraim Lyon, Capt. Luke Drury, Amos Davis, Nathaniel Batcheller, Joseph Perry.

1780.—Phil. Stacey, Joseph Whipple, Phineas Leland, John Thurston, Amos Gale.

1781.—Capt. Joseph Warren, Noah B. Kimball, Benjamin Garfield, Col. John Goulding, Lieut. Moses Hayden.

1782.—Timothy Merriam, Stephen Allen, Col. John Goulding, Jonathan Whipple, William Brigham.



1783.—Thomas Bicknell, Benjamin Goddard, Jonathan Wheeler, Benjamin Garfield, Joseph Merriam, Jr.

1784.—John Whipple, Elisha Brigham, Perley Batcheller, Aaron Kimball, Shelomith Stow.

1785.—Nahum Stone, Benjamin Walker, Timothy Merriam, Josiah Fairbanks, Moses Holbrook, John Thurston, Ebenezer Leland.

1786.—Joseph Bruce, James Whipple, Timothy Johnson, Perley Batcheller, Andrew Adams, William Brigham, Benjamin Leland, Jr., Joseph Wood, Jr.

1787.—Zabedee Redding, Ephraim Lyon, Samuel Flagg, Elijah Drury, Zebulon Daniels, Phineas Leland, Thaddeus Read, John Thurston, David Wadsworth.

1788.—Joseph Wood, Amos Davis, Thomas Axtell, Jr., Timothy Johnson, Ezekiel Brigham, Benjamin Lathe, James Wheeler, Daniel Hayden, John Whipple.

1789.—Moses Harrington, Ebenezer Wadsworth, Elijah Brooks, Timothy Sherman, David W. Leland, Nathaniel Ward, Nathaniel Batcheller, Timothy Merriam, Jonathan Forbush.

1790.—Joseph Grout, Aaron Kimball, Jr., Nahum Stone, Elijah Brigham, Timothy Garfield, James Whipple, Abner Stow, Shelomith Stow, Timothy Fisher.

1791.—Ephraim Wheeler, Elijah Drury, Daniel Rand, Samuel Leland, Lieut. John Whipple, Benjamin Thurston, Jr., Samuel Flagg, Silas Forbush, Benjamin Goddard, Esq.

1792.—Dr. William Lamb, Lieut.

Noah B. Kimball, Lieut. Ezekiel Brigham, Phineas Leland, Ephraim Sherman, Jr., Samuel Warrin, Jonathan Warren, Timothy J. Thurston, Ephraim Goulding.

1793.—Francis Barnes, Col. Luke Drury, Zebulon Daniels, Eleazer Leland, James Whipple, John Pratt, James H. Miller, Ebenezer Wadsworth, John Thurston.

1794.—Levi Mason, Amos Ellis, Joshua Harrington, Benjamin Lathe, Ephraim Sherman, Sylvanus Morse, Daniel Warrin, Josephus Willard, Timothy Thurston.

1795.—Simon Bruce, William Brigham, Eleazer Leland, Ebenezer Sadler, Thaddeus Read, Jonathan Stow, Samuel Adams, Silas Forbush, Nahum Stone.

1796.—William Lamb, Timothy, Sherman, Moses Holbrook, David Wadsworth, Benjamin Leland, Joseph Merriam, 3rd, Benjamin Goddard, Jonathan Forbush, Noah B. Kimball.

1797.—Francis Barnes, Jonathan Wheeler, Lieut. Ezekiel Brigham, Phineas Leland, Lieut. James Whipple, Jonathan Wadsworth, Capt. Thaddeus Read, Jonathan Hayden, Samuel Flagg, Ebenezer Wadsworth.

1798.—Reuben Cummings, Moses Adams, Charles Brigham, Jonas Brown, Lieut. James Whipple, Jonathan Wadsworth, Capt. Joseph Warren, Amos Ellis, Nathaniel Adams, Moses Cutler, Jr.

1799.—John Bennett, Ebenezer Cutler, Jr., Jonathan Stow, Phineas Leland, Ephraim Sherman, Jr., Levi Sadler, Daniel Leland, Silas Forbush, Andrew Adams, Samuel Adams.

1800.—Zebedee Redding, Moses Adams, John Brigham, Moses Holbrook, Jr., John Whipple, Jr., Jonathan Wadsworth, Nathaniel Batcheller, Timothy Fisher, Joseph Merriam, Ebenezer Wadsworth.

1801.—Joel Fay, Elijah Brooks, Solomon Brigham, Jonas Brown, Amariah Hayden, Moses Sherman, Samuel Warren, Timothy Fisher, Samuel Flagg, Samuel Adams.

1802.—Edward Lesure, Moses Adams, Ithamer Stow, Zebulon Daniels, Joseph Whipple, David Sherman, Thaddeus Read, Amos Ellis, Jr., Timothy Merriam, Ephraim Goulding.

1803.—Samuel Wood, Elijah Brooks, Zebulon Daniels, Phineas Leland, Ephraim Sherman, Jr., Samuel Wadsworth, Joseph Prentice, Daniel Thurston, Moses Rockwood, Moses Cutler, Jr.

1804.—Benjamin Leland, Jr., Joseph Despeau, Solomon Brigham, Benjamin Lathe, Jr., John Whipple, Jonathan Wadsworth, Thaddeus Read, Silas Forbush, James H. Miller, Samuel Warren.

1805.—Ephraim Harrington, John Putnam, Joshua Harrington, Stephen Holbrook, Amaziah Howard, Levi Sadler, James Wheeler, Joseph Merriam, Jr., Silas Fay, Daniel Thurston.

1806.—John Warren, Noah B. Kimball, Clark Brown, Nathaniel Whipple, Ezekiel Brigham, Jonathan Wadsworth, Perley Batcheller, Jr., Levi Leland, Josiah Fairbanks, John Bennett.

1807.—Perley Goddard, Perley Whipple, Stephen Holbrook, Sam'l Leland, Ithamer Stow, Samuel Wadsworth, Perley Batcheller,

Jonathan Hayden, Jr., Levi Goddard, Andrew Adams.

1808.—Isaac W. Wood, Moses Adams, Benjamin Lathe, Eleazer Leland, Charles Brigham, Moses Sherman, Royal Keith, Samuel Stone, Josephus Willard, Timothy Merriam.

1809.—Silas Wesson, John Putnam, Stephen Holbrook, John Whipple, Lovel Stow, Levi Sadler, John Warren, Pardon Aldrich, John Bennett, Joseph Merriam.

1810.—William Lamb, Geo. W. Putnam, Benjamin Haywood, Thaddeus Whipple, Joshua Harrington, Jonathan Wadsworth, Ebenezer Leland, Pardon Aldrich, Josephus Willard, Joseph Whitney.

1811.—Elijah Case, Nathan Johnson, Joshua W. Leland, Samuel Leland, Ithamer Stow, Levi Sadler, Joseph Prentice, Jonathan Hayden, Jr., Ephraim Goulding, Nathaniel Adams, Esq.

1812.—Perley Goddard, Albert Stone, Cyrus Leland, David Sherman, Joshua Harrington, James Wheeler, Moses Roberts, Aaron Kimball, Joseph Merriam.

1813.—Joseph Dispeau, John Putnam, Stephen Holbrook, Amasa Roberts, Solomon Brigham, Royal Keith, Pardon Aldrich, Ephraim Goulding, Oliver Hayden.

1814.—Jonathan Wheeler, Albert Stone, Benjamin Heywood, Charles Leland, Joseph Goddard, John Batcheller, Enoch Forbush, Antipas M. Fay, Timothy Merriam, Jr.

1815.—Nathaniel Adams, Jr., Nathan Johnson, John Phillips, John Whipple, Solomon Brigham, John Warren, Joel Taft, Thomas Axtell, Jr., Tarrant Merriam.

1816.—Pardon Aldrich, Leonard Wheelock, Austin Holbrook, Luke Leland, Joshua Harrington, Joseph Prentice, Moses C. Hayden, Ephraim Goulding, Joseph Adams.

1817.—Moses Harrington, Abner Stow, Jr., Stephen Holbrook, John Farnum, John Brigham, Isaac Southwick, Jonathan Hayden, Levi Goddard, Moses Rockwood.

1818.—Zebina Montague, Albert Stone, Joshua W. Leland, Jonathan Wadsworth, Charles Brigham, Joseph Prentice, Jonathan E. Forbush, Ephraim Goulding, Jonathan Stow.

1819.—Colleston Wood, Joel Brooks, Silas Chase, Joseph Nichols, Ithamer Stow, Royal Keith, Joel Forbush, Aaron Kimball, Joseph Whitney.

1820.—Joseph Bruce, John Putnam, Benjamin Lathe, Jr., Samuel Sherman, Charles Brigham, Jonathan Sibley, Moses Roberts, Antipas M. Fay, Timothy Merriam, Jr.

1821.—Pardon Aldrich, Leonard Wheelock, Zebulon Daniels, Jonathan Wadsworth, Josiah Brown, Thaddeus Read, Jr., Enoch Forbush, Jr., Levi Goddard, Joseph Adams.

1822.—Samuel Wood, Cyrus Leland, Joshua W. Leland, Luke Leland, Joseph Goddard, Ephraim H. Wheeler, Samuel P. Leland, Ephraim Goulding, Jonas Greenwood.

1823.—Nahum Andrews, Albert Stone, John Phillips, Charles Leland, Ezekiel Brigham, John Batcheller, Reuben P. Leland, Elijah Kimball, Cyrus French.

1824.—Samuel Hall, Jr., Leonard Wheelock, Stephen Holbrook, Jon-

athan Whipple, Oliver M. Brigham, Royal Keith, Silas Forbush, Jr., Holland Greenwood, Joseph Merriam.

1825.—Henry Parker, John Wesson, Clark Brown, Jonathan Wadsworth, Joseph Goddard, Isaac Southwick, Levi Leland, Josephus Willard, Moses Hayden, Jr.

1826.—Charles Cleveland, Cyrus Leland, Joshua W. Leland, Luke Leland, Charles Brigham, John Batcheller, Joel Forbush, Ephraim Goulding, Timothy Merriam, Jr.

1827.—William T. Lesure, Rufus Prentice, Joseph Flagg, Silas Chase, Jonathan Brooks, Jonathan Wadsworth, Holland Greenwood, Charles Brigham, Jr., Joel Brooks.

1828.—Otis Converse,\* Cyrus Leland, Henry Parker, Thaddeus Read, Oliver M. Brigham.

1829.—Moses C. Searle, Otis Converse, Henry Parker, Doct. —Thornton, Austin Holbrook.

1830.—Chandler M. Pratt, Henry Parker, William Thornton, Austin Holbrook, John Wheeler, Jr.

1831.—Moses C. Searle, William Thornton, Otis Converse.

1832.—Otis Converse, Austin Holbrook, Charles Brigham, Jr.

1833.—Otis Converse, John Wilde, Charles Brigham, Jr.

1834.—Otis Converse, John Wilde, Rufus A. Johnson.

1835.—John Wilde, Rufus A. Johnson, Nathan T. Dow.

1836.—John Wilde, Rufus A. Johnson, George N. Sibley.

1837.—Rufus A. Johnson, John Jennings, George N. Sibley.

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1838.—John Jennings, Levi Rawson, Charles Thurber, Lewis Holbrook, Jonathan M. Warren, Benjamin Green, Benjamin Kingsbury.

1839.—John Jennings, Cazneau Palfrey, Thomas C. Biscoe.

1840.—Otis Adams, Charles Brigham, Jr., Chandler M. Pratt.

1841.—Charles Thurber, Cazneau Palfrey, John Jennings.

1842.—Charles Thurber, Cazneau Palfrey, Thomas C. Biscoe, Levi Rawson, William C. Richards.

1843.—Cazneau Palfrey, Thomas C. Biscoe, Calvin Newton.

1844.—Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe, Rev. E. B. Willson, Rev. Otis Converse.

1845.—Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe, Rev. Edmund B. Willson, Rev. Benjamin D. Peck.

1846.—Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe, Rev. Edmund B. Willson, Rev. Benjamin D. Peck, Benjamin A. Edwards, Dr. William Thornton.

1847.—Thomas C. Biscoe, Edmund B. Willson, William C. Richards.

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1849.—Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe, Rev. Edmund B. Willson, Rev. William C. Richards.

1850.—Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe, Rev. Edmund B. Willson, Rev. George T. Day, Samuel Brimblecom, William Leverett, Dr. George A. Field.

1851.—Rev. Edmund B. Willson, Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe, Rev. William Leverett.

1852.—Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe, Rev. Edmund B. Willson, Rev. William Leverett.

1853.—William F. Slocum, T. A. Buffum, Samuel Brimblecom.

1854.—Wm. F. Slocum, Joseph Smith, Rev. Farrington McIntire.

1855.—Rev. Farrington McIntire, Rev. T. W. Brown, P. G. Willard.

1856.—Rev. Farrington McIntire, W. F. Wheeler, Rev. Joseph Smith.

1857.—Farrington McIntire, A. M., Charles Bryant, William F. Wheeler.

1858.—Dr. Levi Rawson, Rev. Farrington McIntire, William F. Wheeler.

1859.—Rev. Farrington McIntire, Rev. O. Crane, Rev. William G. Scandlin.

1860.—Rev. J. M. Chick, Rev. William G. Scandlin, Rev. O. Crane.

1861.—Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe, J. M. Rockwood, William Miller.

1862.—Rev. William Miller, Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe, Charles C. Wood.

1863.—Rev. Gilbert Robbins, Rev. William Miller.

1864.—Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe, Rev. William Miller, Rev. Gilbert Robbins.

1865.—Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe, Rev. Gilbert Robbins, John W. Bigelow.

1866.—Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe, Rev. Gilbert Robbins, John W. Bigelow.

1867.—John W. Bigelow, Rev. Gilbert Robbins, Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe.



1868.—Rev. Gilbert Robbins, William F. Wheeler, John W. Bigelow.

1869.—John W. Bigelow, Rev. A. J. Bates, Rev. J. H. Windsor.

1870.—Rev. A. J. Bates, John W. Bigelow, Rev. J. H. Windsor.

1871.—Rev. John H. Windsor, Rev. A. J. Bates, D. Webster Norcross.

1872.—Rev. A. J. Bates, D. Webster Norcross, Dr. F. A. Jewett.

1873.—Dr. F. A. Jewett, D. W. Norcross, Dr. W. E. Rice.

1874.—Dr. W. E. Rice, D. Webster Norcross, E. B. Savage.

1875.—Rev. A. J. Bates, D. Webster Norcross, Dr. W. E. Rice.

1876.—Rev. A. J. Bates, D. Webster Norcross, Dr. W. E. Rice.

1877.—D. Webster Norcross, Rev. P. Y. Smith, Dr. W. E. Rice.

1878.—D. Webster Norcross, Rev. P. Y. Smith, Dr. W. E. Rice.

1879.—Rev. P. Y. Smith, D. Webster Norcross, D. B. Hubbard.

#### CONSTABLES.

1736.—Simón Willard, Thomas Stow.

1737.—Isaac Harrington, Samuel Warrin.

1738.—Isaac Stevens, James Whipple.

1739.—Nehemiah How, Abner Stow.

1740.—John Coller, Ephraim Sherman.

1741.—James Moor, Abraham Temple.

1742.—Charles Brigham, Joseph Merriam.

1743.—Phineas Hardy, John Sherman.

1744.—Thomas Pratt, Captain James Leland.

1745.—Jacob Whipple, Obediah Newton.

1746.—Joseph Axtell, Mark Batcheller.

1747.—Noah Brooks, Joseph Whipple.

1748.—Hezekiah Taylor, Nathaniel Sherman.

1749.—Charles Brigham, Nathaniel Sherman.

1750.—Solomon Stow, Benjamin Chapin.

1751.—James Nutting, Ebenezer Wadsworth.

1752.—Thomas Axtell, John Holbrook.

1753.—Ebenezer Wheeler, Moses Eager.

1754.—Benjamin Willard, Joseph Perry.

1755.—Joseph Willard, Thomas Drury.

1756.—Joseph Batchelier, Benjamin Winchester.

1757.—Joel Brooks, James Leland.

1758.—Joseph Willard, Aaron Brigham.

1759.—William Holbrook, ———.

1760.—Abraham Brown, James Harrington.

1761.—Ebenezer Cutler, Thomas Drury.



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| <p>1762.—Aaron Kimball, Nathaniel Flagg.</p> <p>1763.—Simon Brooks, Ebenezer Cutler.</p> <p>1764.—Hezekiah Ward, Peter Brooks.</p> <p>1765.—Moses Harrington, Phineas Leland.</p> <p>1766.—Robert Leathe, Nathaniel Ball.</p> <p>1767.—James Whipple, Jonathan Hall.</p> <p>1768.—Capt. John Goulding, Ezekiel Brigham.</p> <p>1769.—Elisha Brigham, Elijah Drury.</p> <p>1770.—Ephraim Sherman, Luke Drury.</p> <p>1771.—Moses Holbrook, Benjamin Goddard.</p> <p>1772.—Nathaniel Sherman, Jr., Nathaniel Whitney.</p> <p>1773.—Nathaniel S. Prentice, Luke Drury.</p> <p>1774.—William Brigham, Samuel Flagg.</p> <p>1775.—Jonathan Stow, Timothy Sherman.</p> <p>1776.—Ebenezer Cutler, Phineas Pratt.</p> <p>1777.—Benjamin Garfield, Daniel Willard.</p> <p>1778.—Seth Miller, Asaph Sherman.</p> <p>1779.—Abner Temple, ———.</p> <p>1780.—Nathaniel Batcheller, Timothy Merriam.</p> <p>1781.—Jonathan Wheeler, Timothy Merriam.</p> <p>1782.—Perley Batcheller, Abner Temple.</p> | <p>1783.—Dr. Joseph Wood, Abner Stow.</p> <p>1784.—John Whipple, Moses Cutler.</p> <p>1785.—Joseph Warrin, Ephraim Lyon.</p> <p>1786.—Simon Bruce, Nathaniel Adams.</p> <p>1787.—Moses Hayden, Eleazer Leland.</p> <p>1788.—Moses Hayden, Thaddeus Read.</p> <p>1789.—John Thurston, Andrew Adams.</p> <p>1790.—Thomas Axtell, Jr., Thaddeus Read.</p> <p>1791.—Daniel Warren, Benjamin Lathe.</p> <p>1792.—Daniel Warren, Benjamin Lathe.</p> <p>1793.—Zebedee Redding, Daniel Hayden.</p> <p>1794.—Nahum Stone, Ezekiel Brigham.</p> <p>1795.—Josiah Fairbanks, John Brigham.</p> <p>1796.—John Pratt, Elijah Brooks.</p> <p>1797.—John C. Pratt, Jonathan Warren.</p> <p>1798.—Ephraim Sherman, Jr., Josiah Fairbanks.</p> <p>1799.—Josiah Fairbanks, Timothy Temple.</p> <p>1800.—Joseph Goddard, Samuel Wood.</p> <p>1801.—Charles Brigham, Stephen Holbrook.</p> <p>1802.—Moses Harrington, Moses Rockwood.</p> <p>1803.—Levi Goddard, John Whipple, Jr.</p> |
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1804.—Jonathan Wheeler, Jr., Joseph Merriam, Jr.

1805.—John Warren, Moses Holbrook.

1806.—Ebenezer Cutler, Jr., Levi Sadler.

1807.—John Warren, Royal Keith.

1808.—Perley Goddard, Amariah Hayden.

1809.—Perley Whipple, Elijah Case.

1810.—Solomon Brigham, Ithamer Stow.

1811.—Joseph Whitney, Silas Forbush.

1812.—Joshua Harrington, Moses Sherman.

1813.—Oliver Kimball, Pardon Aldrich.

1814.—Oliver Kimball, Jonathan Hayden.

1815.—Joseph Merriam, Jonathan Stow.

1816.—Aaron Kimball, Robert Lathe.

1817.—John Putnam, Joseph Prentice.

1818.—Isaac W. Wood, Peter Farnum.

1819.—George W. Putnam, John Batcheller.

1820.—Col. Cyrus Leland, Moses C. Hayden.

1821.—Nathaniel Adams, Jr., Tarrant Merriam.

1822.—Gabriel F. Wheeler, Timothy Merriam.

1823.—Benja. Heywood, Charles Cleveland.

1824.—Thomas Axtell, Joshua W. Leland.

1825.—Moses H. Adams, Benjamin Heywood.

1826.—Leonard Wheelock, Jonathan Whipple.

1827.—Samuel Wood, Joseph Bruce.

1828.—John Wesson, Levi Leland.

1829.—John Wheeler, Jr., Albert Stone.

1830.—John Wheeler, Jr., David Jourdan.

1831.—John Wheeler, Jr., David Jourdan.

1832.—David Jourdan, George W. Jones.

1833.—Ezra K. Pratt, David Jourdan.

1834.—Millotte Baker, Willard S. Wood.

1835.—Millotte Baker, Franklin Harrington.

1836.—Isaac W. Wood, Charles Prentice.

1837.—Charles Prentice, Matthias Felton.

1838.—Charles Prentice, James S. Green.

1839.—James S. Green, Charles Prentice.

1840.—Charles Prentice, Leonard S. Wheelock.

1841.—Charles Prentice, John B. White.

1842.—Charles Prentice, John B. White.

1843.—Charles Prentice, John B. White, Leonard S. Wheelock.

1844.—Charles Prentice, David Jourdan.

1845.—Charles Prentice, Leonard S. Wheelock, Barnabas Newton.

1846.—Charles Prentice, Samuel A. Dalrymple, Leonard S. Wheelock, James G. Putnam, Joseph Willard, Jefferson Bellows.

1847.—Charles Prentice, Lovell Baker, Jr., Ebenezer Aldrich, Samuel A. Dalrymple, Barnabas Newton, Nathaniel G. Whitney.

1848.—Charles Prentice, Barnabas Newton, Nathaniel G. Whitney, Samuel A. Dalrymple, Jefferson Bellows, Augustus Slocomb.

1849.—Charles Prentice, Samuel A. Knox, Barnabas Newton.

1850.—Charles Prentice, Samuel A. Knox, Barnabas Newton, Leonard S. Wheelock, Augustus Slocomb, James G. Putnam.

1851.—Charles Prentice, Sumner Dinsmore, Joshua W. Harrington, Henry H. Messenger, Jefferson Bellows, Augustus Slocomb.

1852.—Charles Prentice, Sumner Dinsmore, David Chase, Barnabas Newton.

1853.—Samuel G. Congdon, John B. White, John Q. Adams, David Chase, George W. Cromb, Jr.

1854.—John Q. Adams, Lucian B. Drury, I. D. Palmer, John B. White, J. J. Peach.

1855.—George F. Slocomb, John B. White, Henry B. Fairbanks, George Cummings, Charles Moore, S. D. Hall, James W. White, W. Forehand.

1856.—George F. Slocomb, James W. White, Henry B. Fairbanks, Willard D. Wheeler, Ezra Churchill, A. W. Rice, Nelson Ferry.

1857.—George F. Slocomb, W. D. Wheeler, J. W. White, H. B. Fairbanks, Walter Forehand, Barnabas Newton, Nelson Ferry.

1858.—H. B. Fairbanks, J. B. Sibley, W. D. Wheeler, Joseph W. Leland, B. Newton, George W. Cromb, Jr., Jonathan Carey.

1859.—J. B. Sibley, W. D. Wheeler, George W. Cromb, Jr., H. B. Fairbanks, David Chase, W. Forehand, George W. Harrington.

1860.—W. D. Wheeler, H. B. Fairbanks, J. H. Wright, S. D. Hall, Walter Forehand, David Chase, Joshua Congdon, J. B. Sibley.

1861.—J. B. Sibley, S. D. Hall, W. D. Wheeler, Walter Forehand, H. B. Fairbanks, David Chase, Joseph W. Leland.

1862.—S. D. Hall, George W. Cromb, Jr., Barnabas Newton, Charles Fowler, L. M. Sargent.

1863.—S. D. Hall, W. D. Wheeler, S. C. Knox, C. C. Willis, William G. Palmer.

1864.—S. D. Hall, H. B. Fairbanks, Stephen R. White.

1865.—S. D. Hall, H. C. Greenwood, S. R. White, S. A. Knowles, Henry H. Merriam.

1866.—S. D. Hall, F. M. Marble, Walter Forehand, R. D. Chase, James A. Morse, Sumner Packard.

1867.—S. D. Hall, Silas Vinton, Walter Forehand, R. D. Chase, Clark C. Willis, R. A. Smith.

1868.—S. D. Hall, W. C. Bassett, Ezekiel Fowler, E. C. Thurber, James W. McKenzie, Aaron Elliot, B. Newton.

1869.—S. D. Hall, H. M. Davis, Henry K. Cady, George R. Newton, Perley Goddard, Sargent Daniels.

1870.—S. D. Hall, George R. Newton, Lucian B. Drury, E. Fowler, Charles F. Sisson.

1871.—S. D. Hall, L. H. Bigelow, H. C. Fuller, James Gleason, William Holbrook.

1872.—James Gleason, L. M. Gassett, H. K. Cady, S. D. Hall, J. H. Chickering, A. J. Ford, L. S. Davis.

1873.—S. D. Hall, James Gleason, L. M. Gassett, Ezekiel Fowler, J. H. Chickering.

1874.—George F. Jourdan, Amos G. Getchell, D. W. Norcross, Henry Mann, J. H. Thomas, Simeon E. Cromb, S. D. Hall.

1875.—S. D. Hall, Robert Scott, D. W. Norcross, Amos G. Getchell,

George F. Jourdan, James Gleason, Henry Mann, Simeon E. Cromb.

1876.—S. D. Hall, D. W. Norcross, S. E. Cromb, Robert Scott, J. B. Sibley.

1877.—M. M. Goodnow, J. B. Sibley, D. W. Norcross, S. E. Cromb, Ezekiel Fowler, S. D. Hall.

1878.—S. D. Hall, D. W. Norcross, Richard Long, Charles Jennings, S. E. Cromb, Lucian B. Drury, J. B. Sibley.

1879.—B. Fish, S. D. Hall, L. B. Drury, J. B. Sibley, Alfred Lowell, William C. Fletcher, Thomas J. Hall.

#### TOWN CLERKS.

NEHEMIAH HOW, 1736, '37, '38.

SAMUEL COOPER, 1739.

CHARLES BRIGHAM, 1740, '41.

Capt. JOSEPH WILLARD, 1742.

CHARLES BRIGHAM, 1743, '44, '45, '46, '47.

ABNER STOW, 1748, '49, '50, 51, '52, '53, '54, '55, '56.

TIMOTHY DARLING, 1757, '58, '59, '60, '61, '62, '63, '64, '65, '66, '67, '68, '69, '70, '71, '72.

NATHANIEL S. PRENTICE, 1773, '74.

JOHN PRENTICE, 1775.

BENJAMIN GODDARD, 1776, '77, '78, '79, '80, '81, '82, '83, '84, '85, '86, '87, '88, '89, '90.

BENJAMIN WALKER, 1791, '92.

BENJAMIN GODDARD, 1793, '94.

JOSEPH WOOD, 1795, '96, '97, '98, '99.

WILLIAM LAMB, 1800, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10.

JOSHUA HARRINGTON, 1811.

JONATHAN WHEELER, 1812, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18.

HARRY WOOD, 1819.

JONATHAN WHEELER, 1820, '21, '22.

HARRY WOOD, 1823, '24, '25, '26, '27, '28, '29, '30, '31, '32, '33, '34, '35.

CHARLES PRENTICE, 1836, '37, '38, '39, '40, '41, '42, '43, '44, '45, '46, '47, '48, '49, '50, '51, '52.

JOHN B. WHITE, 1853, '54.

JAMES W. WHITE, 1855, '56, '57, '58, '59, '60, '61, '62, '63, '64, '65, '66, '67, '68, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74.

A. A. BALLOU, 1875, '76, '77, '78, '79.

## DEPUTY SHERIFFS.

LOVELL BAKER, appointed Nov. 19, 1838; May 31, 1841; May 1, 1844; March 31, 1849.

SUMNER DINSMORE, appointed July 23, 1851.

LOVELL BAKER, appointed Nov. 11, 1851.

GEORGE F. SLOCOMB, appointed—

JOHN WHEELER, appointed —

JONATHAN B. SIBLEY, appointed Jan. 8, 1857; Jan. 4, 1860.

S. DAVIS HALL, appointed March 18, 1862; Feb. 20, 1863; Jan. 20, 1866; Jan. 15, 1869; July 29, 1871; Jan. 3, 1872; Jan. 6, 1875; Jan. 3, 1878.

## FACTS AND FIGURES.

In 1865, the value of boots and shoes manufactured in this town was \$307,208; value of cotton goods made the same year, \$1,180,948, only one other town in the county (Clinton) exceeded Grafton in this line; value of leather goods made, \$192,000, the second in the county in this department.

## MANUFACTURES AND RELATED OCCUPATIONS IN GRAFTON IN 1875.

Manufactures.	Number of Establishments.	Capital Invested.	Value of goods made and work done.
Boots and Shoes . . . . .	3	\$90,000	\$187,000
Boots and Shoes, Men's . . . . .	1	70,000	160,728
Boots, Misses' and Children's laced.	1	500	1,850
Clothing, Men's . . . . .	2	7,000	17,000
Cotton cloth . . . . .	3	317,670	264,830
Print cloth . . . . .	1	175,000	110,000
Shoes, Men's and Women's . . . . .	1	50,000	100,000
Tools, boot and shoe . . . . .	2	2,500	8,000
OCCUPATIONS.			
Blacksmithing . . . . .	2	825	3,750
Harness and saddle repairing . . . . .	1	300	1,500
Tinsmithing, etc. . . . .	2	1,700	5,400
AGGREGATES.			
Manufactures (goods made) . . . . .	14	712,670	849,408
Occupations (work done) . . . . .	5	2,825	10,650
	19	\$715,495	\$860,058

In 1875, 1,268,715 pounds of cotton, valued at \$194,420, was owned here; leather was estimated at \$274,910; shoe



findings, \$14,220 ; number of establishments used for manufacturing purposes, 14 ; value of buildings, \$133,300 ; value of average stock on hand, \$151,425 ; value of machinery, \$167,970 ; number of steam engines, 1 ; water wheels, 8 ; hand motive power, 5 ; foot motive power, 15 ; engines, nominal horse-power, 20 ; actual horse-power, 15 ; water wheels, nominal horse-power, 563 ; whole number of persons employed in manufacturing, 806 ; males, 529 ; females, 277 ; married females, 57 ; males between 10 and 15 years of age, 33 ; females between 10 and 15 years of age, 25 ; number of women furnished with work at home, 5 ; whole number of persons employed for whom yearly wages were given, 600 ; wages, \$235,852 ; males above 15, 379 ; wages, \$173,517 ; females above 15, 196 ; wages, \$59,814 ; both sexes under 15, 25 ; wages, \$2,521 ; whole number of persons employed on boots and shoes, 309 ; males, 277 ; females, 32 ; married females, 8 ; males above 15, 274 ; females above 15, 30 ; males from 10 to 15, 3 ; females from 10 to 15, 2 ; hours worked per day, 10 ; days that establishments were open, 249 ; number of spindles, 26,724 ; power looms, 604.

#### VALUATION AND PRODUCTS FOR 1875.

Valuation of personal property, \$593,160 ; valuation of real estate, \$1,292,323 ; products of manufactures and fisheries, \$860,058 ; products of agriculture and mining, \$179,259 ; total valuation, \$1,885,483 ; total products, \$1,039,317 ; population—males, 2,186 ; females, 2,256 ; total, 4,442 ; persons employed in manufactures—males, 768 ; females, 237 ; total, 1,005 ; number of manufacturing establishments in 1865, 22 ; value of goods made, \$1,740,056, the tenth town in the county ; capital invested, \$547,100 ; value of stock used, \$1,146,120 ; males employed, 394 ; females, 404.

**Domestic and Agricultural Products, 1875.****DOMESTIC PRODUCTS.**

FOR SALE.	Quantity.	Value.
Blacking, leather, . . . . .	gallons, 11,400	\$1,710
Butter, . . . . .	pounds, 10,124	4,178
Carpets, . . . . .	yards, 21	6
Cider, . . . . .	gallons, 19,842	2,561
Dried Fruit, . . . . .	pounds, 975	114
Firewood, . . . . .	cords, 2,561	6,768
Maple Molasses, . . . . .	gallons, 95	150
Quilts, . . . . .	3	12
Railroad Sleepers, . . . . .	1,298	621
Shoes (work on), . . . . .	pairs, 1,500	250
Telegraph Poles, . . . . .	200	250
Vinegar, . . . . .	gallons, 400	120
Wine, . . . . .	gallons, 50	70

**FOR USE.**

Butter, . . . . .	pounds, 4,880	1,859
Carpets, . . . . .	yards, 25	12
Cheese, . . . . .	pounds, 168	28
Cider, . . . . .	gallons, 3,976	492
Dried Fruit, . . . . .	pounds, 367	45
Firewood, . . . . .	cords, 551	2,577
Gloves, . . . . .	pairs, 2	2
Quilt, . . . . .	1	5
Shoes, . . . . .	pairs, 4	10
Socks, . . . . .	pairs, 15	11
Wine, . . . . .	gallons, 57	55

**AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.**

	Quantity.	Value.
Apples, . . . . .	bushels, 14,700	\$7,335
Asparagus, . . . . .	bunches, 153	23
Beans, . . . . .	bushels, 187	418
Beans, string and shell, . . . . .	bushels, 36	57
Beef, . . . . .	pounds, 44,483	3,559
Beets, table, . . . . .	bushels, 433	219
Beets, Mangel Wurzel, . . . . .	bushels, 713	177
Blueberries, . . . . .	quarts, 105	11
Buckwheat, . . . . .	bushels, 47	59
Butternuts, . . . . .	bushels, 32	25
Cabbage, . . . . .	heads, 24,434	1,222

Carrots, . . . . .	bushels, 1,126	499
Cherries, . . . . .	bushels, 12	35
Chestnuts, . . . . .	bushels, 11	14
Chickens, dressed, . . . . .	pounds, 3,615	816
Corn, green, . . . . .	bushels, 670	668
Corn, Indian, . . . . .	bushels, 8,215	7,791
Corn, Pop, . . . . .	bushels, 13	30
Crab-apples, . . . . .	bushels, 16	24
Cranberries, . . . . .	bushels, 123	323
Cucumbers, . . . . .	bushels, 418	783
Currants, . . . . .	quarts, 296	31
Eggs, . . . . .	dozens, 5,581	1,674
Feathers, . . . . .	pounds, 85	14
Fodder, corn, . . . . .	tons, 111	1,250
Fodder, oat, . . . . .	tons, 53	950
Grapes, . . . . .	bushels, 146	198
Hay, English, . . . . .	tons, 2,641	49,318
Hay, meadow, . . . . .	tons, 505	5,380
Hay, clover, . . . . .	tons, 27	457
Hay, millet, . . . . .	tons, 17	296
Honey, . . . . .	pounds, 100	30
Hops, . . . . .	pounds, 10	6
Huckleberries, . . . . .	quarts, 1,905	150
Ice, . . . . .	tons, 120	525
Lettuce, . . . . .	heads, 100	2
Mangols, . . . . .	bushels, 30	17
Manure, . . . . .	cords, 1,883	8,401
Melons, . . . . .	25	2
Milk, . . . . .	gal'ns, 223,003	41,480
Mutton, . . . . .	pounds, 100	13
Oats, . . . . .	bushels, 2,668	1,834
Onions, . . . . .	bushels, 191	286
Parsnips, . . . . .	bushels, 79	46
Peaches, . . . . .	bushels, 20	36
Pears, . . . . .	bushels, 353	599
Pease, . . . . .	bushels, 18	30
Pease, green, . . . . .	bushels, 105	171
Peppers, . . . . .	bushels, 47	97
Plums, . . . . .	bushels, 2	11
Pork, . . . . .	pounds, 25,212	2,521
Potatoes, Irish . . . . .	bushels, 14,159	9,594
Poultry, dressed, other than chickens, geese and turkeys, . . . . .	pounds, 285	64
Pumpkins, . . . . .	pounds, 33,650	325
Rye, . . . . .	bushels, 718	788
Shellbarks, . . . . .	bushels, 22	60

Squashes, . . . . .	pounds, 15,095	320
Straw, . . . . .	tons, 133	1,739
Strawberries, . . . . .	quarts, 1,906	300
Tomatoes, . . . . .	bushels, 214	113
Trees, Fruit, in Nurseries . . . . .	2,488	2,728
Turnips, . . . . .	bushels, 4,865	1,260
Vines, in Nurseries, . . . . .	105	105
Wheat, . . . . .	bushels, 9	14
Wool, other than Saxony or Merino, . .	pounds, 65	30

## AGGREGATES.

Domestic Products, for sale, . . . . .	\$ 16,810
Domestic Products, for use, . . . . .	5,096
Hay, 3,190 tons . . . . .	55,451
Other Agricultural Products, . . . . .	101,902
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	\$179,259

This amount stood eighteenth in the list of the county.

## FARM PROPERTY.

FARMS.	Number.	Value.
Under three acres, . . . . .	1	
From five to ten acres . . . . .	2	
Above ten acres, . . . . .	139	
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		\$750,310

BUILDINGS.	Number.	Value.
Houses, . . . . .	156	
Barns, . . . . .	155	
Sheds, . . . . .	31	
Shops, . . . . .	13	
Carriage Houses, . . . . .	16	
Granaries, . . . . .	4	
Corn-cribs, . . . . .	22	
Out-buildings, . . . . .	9	
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		\$287,310

LAND.	Acres.	Value.
Land under crops, . . . . .	3,676	\$209,912
Market gardens, . . . . .	5	490
Nurseries, . . . . .	1	75
Orchards (the land), . . . . .	195½	13,735
Seed gardens, . . . . .	1	100
Unimproved land, . . . . .	4,664	145,888
Unimprovable land, . . . . .	32½	
Woodland, . . . . .	3,202½	92,800
	<hr/> 11,777½	<hr/> \$463,000

FRUIT TREES AND VINES.	Number.	Value.
Apple trees, . . . . .	8,674	\$11,312
Cherry trees, . . . . .	12	21
Peach trees, . . . . .	904	860
Grapevines, . . . . .	470	601
		<hr/> \$12,794

DOMESTIC ANIMALS.	Number.	Value.
Ass, . . . . .	1	\$30
Bees (swarms of), . . . . .	17	84
Calves, . . . . .	261	2,649
Colts, . . . . .	15	1,450
Dogs, . . . . .	39	310
Ducks, . . . . .	9	7
Goats, . . . . .	2	7
Guinea fowls, . . . . .	6	2
Heifers, . . . . .	150	3,896
Hens and Chickens, . . . . .	2,976	1,739
Hogs, . . . . .	173	3,292
Horses, . . . . .	201	19,815
Lambs, . . . . .	5	40
Milch Cows, . . . . .	736	39,370
Oxen, . . . . .	80	6,750
Pigeons, . . . . .	53	49
Pigs, . . . . .	305	1,391
Sheep, Merino, . . . . .	4	20
Sheep, . . . . .	3	40
Steers, . . . . .	52	2,625
Turkeys, . . . . .	2	5
		<hr/> \$83,571



## AGGREGATES.

Land, . . . . .	\$463,000
Buildings, . . . . .	287,310
Fruit Trees and Vines, . . . . .	12,794
Domestic Animals, . . . . .	83,571
Agricultural Implements, . . . . .	23,889
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	\$870,564

The twelfth town in the county in this respect.



## CHAPTER ELEVENTH.

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### GENEALOGICAL NOTICES

OF THE EARLIER INHABITANTS OF GRAFTON, AND THEIR  
FAMILIES, VIZ :—

Adams. — Aldrich. — Allen. — Andrews. — Axtell. — Baker. — Barnard. —  
Batcheller. — Bigelow. — Bowman. — Brigham. — Brimblecom. —  
Brooks. — Brown. — Bruce. — Child. — Clark. — Cutler. — Drury. —  
Elliot. — Farnum. — Fay. — Fisk. — Flagg. — Fletcher. — Forbush.  
— Goddard. — Goodale. — Goulding. — Greenwood. — Grout. — Hall.  
— Hammond. — Harrington. — Heywood. — Holbrook. — How. — Keith.  
— Kimball. — Kingsbury. — Leland. — Leathe. — McClellan. — Merriam.  
— Miles. — Morse. — Peirce. — Pierce. — Phillips. — Pratt. — Prentice. —  
Putnam. — Rawson. — Reed. — Rice. — Robbins. — Rosborough. — Sher-  
man. — Sibley. — Slocomb. — Smith. — Southwick. — Stearnes. — Stone.  
Stow. — Tainter. — Thurston. — Turner. — Wadsworth. — Ward. — War-  
ren. — Wheeler. — Wheelock. — Whipple. — White. — Whitney. — Wil-  
lard. — Wing. — Wood : seventy-nine different families.

A DESIRE to trace a lineage and to perpetuate its remembrance, seems to have been so prevalent among enlightened and semi-civilized people, and even among barbarians, of all ages, even the remotest to which either history or tradition extends, that it may be regarded as an instinct of human nature—an innate principle, implanted for wise and benevolent purposes. If so, ought it not to be cherished by the wise and the good ?\*

It cannot be doubted that the practice, founded on a kindred principle, lately adopted by some of our collegiate

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\* Bond.

institutions, of watching and noting the course of the lives of their sons, and placing the prominent points of their history on record, will be beneficent to those institutions, and exercise a salutary influence upon those whose names may be enrolled in their archives. It will produce a more lively mutual interest between the *Alma Mater* and her sons, and it may awaken in the latter a stronger desire that their names in the record be not followed by a blank or a blot. Genealogies, besides gratifying a natural and enlightened curiosity, may exercise a similar salutary influence, tending to maintain in their social position, families already elevated, and to elevate the lowly. When persons affect an utter indifference to their lineage, or a history of the past generations of their families, and deride any attention to them as a foolish weakness and vanity, they are contravening an innate principle, and it may be generally suspected that they have some knowledge of a lineage which they would consign to oblivion, because it is untitled, and without a good renown. Some such persons build costly ostentatious monuments to procure present distinction, and a lasting memorial for themselves, while they never inquire for the burial-place of their ancestors, and leave their graves to utter and most disrespectful neglect. Let the visitor, who has been admiring the costly, tasteful memorials in Mount Auburn Cemetery, extend his excursion half a mile farther, and he may find graves decayed, and ancient gravestones sunken or dilapidated, and overgrown with weeds and brambles, where were buried the Puritan ancestors or some of the builders of those admired monuments. Some persons become so engrossed with sordid interests, and the indulgence of the animal instincts, so insensible to the ties of a consanguinity and the happiness derived from the cultivation of the domestic affections, that in them this innate principle is not merely dormant, but so dead that it would require a miracle to revive it. They will not make the smallest sacrifice, nor forego a trifling indulgence out of

respect to the memory of an ancestor. They would exchange an old family portrait for that of a *danseuse*, or a popular partisan, and part with the old family Bible for the flashy outside of a soulless annual, or perhaps for a dollar, if it could be invested at a good percentage.

In most persons, however, this principle—the affinity of consanguinity—does not lack vitality; it only acts in a narrow sphere, or slumbers for want of incitements to awaken it, or the means and opportunities to manifest it. They will listen with eager attention and gratification to records and traditions relating to their ancestors, and their interest will increase with the enlargement of their information. To many such persons, it is hoped, that this work will be an acceptable offering and service, doing for them what it is not in their power so fully to accomplish. Its prosecution has afforded the author a very interesting occupation to many otherwise unoccupied hours. This statement will be appreciated only by those who have been engaged in similar pursuits.

#### ABBREVIATIONS.

b. born, bap. baptized, m. married, d. died, unm. unmarried, dau. daughter, wid. widow, res. resides or resided, rev. removed; all towns are understood as being in Massachusetts, unless otherwise designated; pub. publication of the intention of marriage; s. p. (sine prole) without issue.



## FAMILY GENEALOGIES.

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### ADAMS, (sometimes spelled Addams).

GEORGE ADAMS, the ancestor, was a glover, and settled in Watertown as early as 1645. He subsequently moved to Cambridge Farms, Lexington, about 1664, for at this time he sold "my dwelling-house in Watertown, and land adjoining."

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NATHANIEL ADAMS, (George, George), bap. June 12, 1698, m. Nov. 20, 1738, Eunice Stearnes, b. Dec. 23, 1715. She was the dau. of Lieut. Samuel and gr. gr. dau. of Isaac, who came to America in 1630. Ch., 1. EUNICE, b. Oct. 7, 1739; 2. MARY, b. Dec. 12, 1741.

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ANDREW ADAMS was the son of Samuel, who was b. and d. in Ipswich. He was a descendant of William of Cambridge, who, according to Dea. Leland of Sutton, was probably one of the eight sons of Henry. Andrew was undoubtedly of the fourth or fifth generation from William of Cambridge.

Andrew settled here, and m. Oct. 15, 1741, Elizabeth Hunt, of Concord, d. Aug. 9, 1770; m. 2nd, May 30, 1771, Mrs. Sarah Torrey, of Mendon. Children,

1. ELIZABETH, b. March 4, 1744, m. — Waters.
2. RUTH, b. April 25, 1746, m. John Whipple (W).
3. MARY, b. Dec. 28, 1748, m. Daniel Grout (G), and removed to Acworth, N. H.
- 1 4. ANDREW, Jr., b. Oct. 21, 1751, m. Lucy Merriam.
5. SARAH, b. April 30, 1754, m. — Rand, and resided in Rindge, N. H.
- 2 6. NATHANIEL, b. Jan. 1, 1756, m. Mary Harrington.
7. MARTHA, b. Dec. 23, 1759, m. Daniel Whipple (W), and resided in Walpole, N. H.

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1-4 ANDREW ADAMS, Jr., (Andrew), b. Oct. 21, 1751, m. Lucy Merriam (M), dau. of Jos., b. Dec. 30, 1755, d. March 19, 1842. He d. Aug. 25, 1841. Children,

1. JASPER, b. July 12, 1776, m. Jerusha Sibley, of Sutton, b. May 3, 1781.
2. LUCY, b. March 14, 1778, m. Solomon Brigham (B).
3. POLLY, b. Dec. 8, 1779, m. Joshua Harrington (H).
4. ANDREW, Jr., b., Oct. 6, 1781, m. Susan Leland, rev. to Boston, and finally to Phila.
5. JOSEPH, b. Sept. 9, 1783, d. Oct. 19, 1783.
6. NANCY A., b. Aug. 18, 1784, m. Jonathan Sibley (S).
- 3 7. JOSEPH, b. Jan. 25, 1787, m. Martha Haven and Mrs. Sarah J. Merriam.
8. BETSEY, b. Dec. 29, 1788, m. Hon. Sherman Leland (L).
9. JOHN, b. Dec. 1, 1790, d. at Charleston, S. C., July 26, 1812.
10. HANNAH P., b. March 5, 1793, m. Hon. Samuel Wood (W).
11. PATTY, b. May 16, 1795, d. unm.
12. NATHANIEL, b. Feb. 16, 1798, m. Mary Stevens, and res. in Braintree.





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- 2-6 NATHANIEL ADAMS, (Andrew), b. Jan. 1, 1756, m. Feb. 28, 1784, Mary Harrington (H), b. April 11, 1763, d. Sept. 24, 1845. He d. Jan. 24, 1829. He was deacon of the Congregational church for nearly twenty years, and d. greatly respected. Children,
- 4 1. NATHANIEL, Jr., b. March 16, 1785, m. Polly Merriam and Persis Greenwood.
  2. MARY, b. May 4, 1766, m. Charles Leland (L),
  3. ABLIAH, b. Aug. 20, 1787, d. Aug. 15, 1791.
  4. SALLY, b. Nov. 27, 1789, m. Timothy Merriam (M).
  5. ABIJAH, b. March 2, 1793, rev. to Alexandria, S. C.
  - 6 6. MOSES H., b. Feb. 2, 1795, m. Sally Prentice.
  7. OTIS, b. Feb. 13, 1798, m. Sylvia King.
  8. ANDREW H., b. June 27, 1799, rev. to Alexandria, S. C.
  9. SUSANNAH, b. Sept. 17, 1802, m. Samuel Redding.
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- 3-7 JOSEPH ADAMS, (Andrew, Andrew), b. Jan. 25, 1787, m. Martha Haven, b. April 1, 1789, d. Dec. 11, 1828; m. 2nd, Mrs. Susan J. Merriam. He d. June, 1868. Children,
1. MARTHA H., b. March 6, 1816, m. May 16, 1838, Lewis W. Dodge.
- Mr. Dodge was born in Swanville, Me., May 16, 1811, and left there with his parents for Sturbridge, Mass., in 1818; here he resided for five years, and at the end of this time removed to Palmer, where he resided for nine years. While in Palmer he worked five years for William Mason, and learned the tanning and currying trade. In Dec., 1833, Mr. Dodge came to this town and was employed by Bigelow & Paine, and E. B. & A. M. Bigelow, for five years. In 1838, he started in business for himself, subsequently purchasing the building owned by Joseph F. Rice, in which place he conducted a successful business for nearly thirty-five years and accumulated a handsome property. Finding the building too small for his increased business, in April, 1873, he erected a large shop, in the rear of the Bigelow's, where he is at present located in company with his son, Joseph A. Dodge. His children are
1. *Martha E.*, b. April 25, 1841, m. Rev. George S. Biscoe, the son of Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe, who was born in Cambridgeport, Mass., Sept. 22, 1835. He fitted for college at Grafton Academy, and entered Amherst College in 1853; graduated in 1857; entered Andover Theological Seminary in 1857 and graduated in 1860. He has labored as a Congregational minister at Troy and Westfield, Vt., six months, ending April 1, 1861; Cottage Grove, Minn., six years, ending April, 1867; Tipton, Iowa, eight years, ending Jan. 1, 1876; Shullsburgh, Wis., three years, ending April 1, 1879; now laboring at Clarksville, Neb. He was married Oct., 1861, to Martha Eliza Dodge, of Grafton, Mass., who died at Tipton, Iowa, April 20, 1870, leaving three children: Horace A., Ellen D., and Lucy W. Biscoe. Mr. Biscoe married again Sept. 16, 1873, his wife being Emma R. Ensign, of Tipton, Iowa, by whom he has had three children, two of whom are now living.
  2. *William H.*, b. May 15, 1849, d. May 14, 1850.
  3. *Joseph A.*, b. April 21, 1846, m. Jan. 20, 1874, Ella G. Wood, b. Aug. 11, 1840, ch. Irving Bigelow, b. Jan. 5, 1876; Kathrina A., b. Feb. 22, 1879.
  4. *Lucy*, b. Feb. 29, 1851, m. Henry M. Riggs, son of Rev. Stephen R. Riggs, the celebrated Indian missionary. They res. in Fort Sullie, Dakota.
  5. *Susan E.*, b. Aug. 9, 1855, unm.
  - 7 2. JOSEPH B., b. Aug. 21, 1824, m. Ann Dresser.
  3. SUSAN M., b. Aug. 24, 1843, d. Sept. 16, 1843.

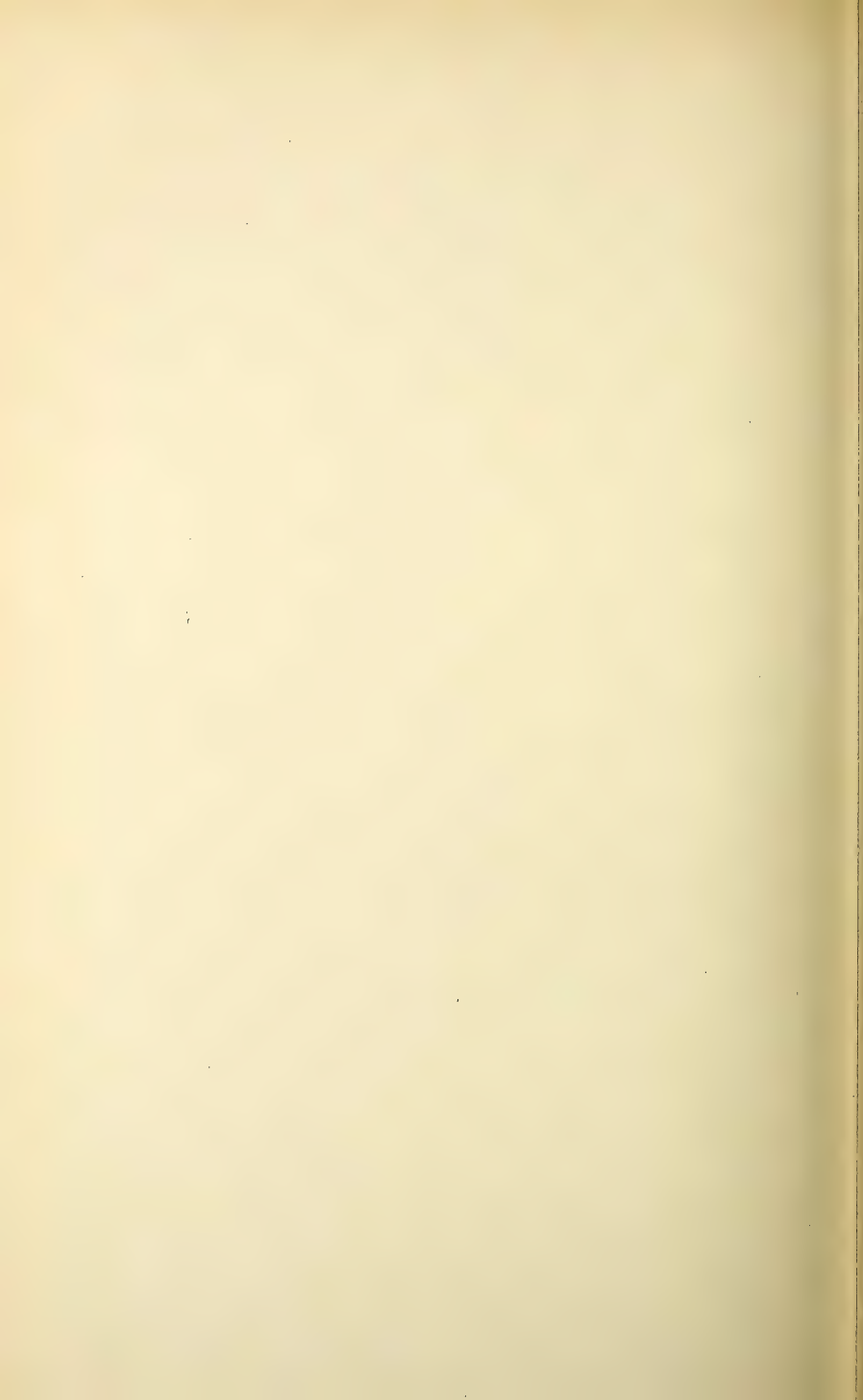
- 4-1 NATHANIEL ADAMS, JR., (Nathaniel, Andrew), b. Mar. 16. 1785, m. Polly Merriam, and 2nd, Persis Greenwood. Polly, b. 1789, d. Sept. 9, 1823. Nathaniel, after his second marriage, removed to N. Y. State. Children,
1. MARY C., b. Sept. 2, 1810, d. Oct. 2, 1848.
  2. NATHANIEL O., b. Sept. 2, 1812.
  3. MOSES E., b. Nov. 27, 1814.
  4. SALLY H., b. Jan. 19, 1817.
  5. ANDREW H., b. July 20, 1819.
  6. HARRIETT M., b. Feb. 6, 1823.
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- 5-6 MOSES H. ADAMS, (Nathaniel, Andrew), b. Feb. 2, 1795, m. Sally Prentice (P), b. 1796, d. Nov. 29, 1878. He d. Sept. 3, 1854. Children,
1. SUSAN, b. Aug. 25, 1822, d. July 15, 1853.
  2. SARAH, b. Jan. 13, 1824, d. Apr. 14, 1832.
  3. MOSES, b. Oct. 17, 1825, d. Nov. 22, 1847.
  4. CHARLES, b. May 17, 1827. Res. Elko, Nev.
  5. NATHANIEL, b. Jan. 14, 1830, d. Sept. 22, 1853.
- 8 6. JOSEPH, b. Jan. 19, 1832, m. Sarah A. Newton.
7. ABIJAH, b. May 8, 1834. Res. Walnut Creek, Cal.
8. HORACE, b. Feb. 8, 1837, d. in Cal., 1869.
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- 6-7 HON. OTIS ADAMS, (Nathaniel, Andrew), b. Feb. 13, 1798, m. May, 1822, Sylvia King, b. July 30, 1799. He d. May 4, 1860.

He had recently been on a tour at the West, and returned home with a severe affection of the lungs, that resulted in a lung fever and terminated his life. He never enjoyed the advantages of a liberal education, yet by a diligent and persistent improvement of his leisure time, he attained a richly stored and well disciplined mind. He was distinguished by a large share of common sense. He ever manifested great decision of character, and was a firm and unwavering supporter of whatever he became convinced was right. In civil life, in which he held many and important offices, he proved himself a man of marked probity and honesty, accuracy and honor. In private life, those who knew him best respected him most. Few have excelled him in affection as a husband, or in tenderness as a father. His virtues secured to him a large circle of strongly attached and firm friends, who, with his bereaved family, mourn his loss, and will long cherish the memory of his worth. "He was well known to the people of Worcester County, having been for several years a member and chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. Also a member of the Board of Trustees of the State Reform School in Westborough, and was twice postmaster here. His prompt and constant attendance upon the stated meetings of the Merchants' and Farmers' Fire Insurance Company, as one of its directors, from its commencement, and also upon those of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company, of which he was also a director, will render his absence from his seat the more painful to his associates in those institutions. He also held an important position as a director in a large manufacturing establishment in the county, where his wisdom and discretion rendered him a greatly respected and highly valued associate." And in no department of his various public services did he fail to secure the respect and confidence of his constituents and those with whom he acted. For thirty-two years he was a deacon in the Evangelical Congregational Church in Grafton. He was wise and prudent as a counsellor, and a liberal supporter of religious institutions at home, and of benevolent objects abroad. He was an earnest, firm and constant friend of Sabbath schools, and for fifteen years superintendent of the school with which he was connected. He bore the severe sufferings of his last





Wm Adams







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sickness not only without a murmuring word, but the submissive and acquiescing spirit which he manifested was most instructive and impressive. Children,

- 9 1. CHARLES O., b. July 27, 1822, m. Deborah A. Chickering.
  2. JOHN Q., b. Oct. 27, 1830, m. Emeline A. Widdifield. Res. Boston.
  - 10 3. ANDREW H., b. Dec. 4, 1832, m. Mary J. Bigelow.
  4. SYLVIA K., b. May 14, 1837, m. Charles Bigelow and Dr. Charles R. E. Koch.
  5. HENRY H., b. Dec. 10, 1843, m. Lizzie Taft. Res. Chicago.
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- 7-2 JOSEPH B. ADAMS, (Joseph, Andrew, Andrew), b. Aug. 21, 1824, m. Jan. 27, 1848, Ann Dresser, b. June 14, 1826.  
He was extensively engaged in agriculture, and was an efficient town officer. He rev. to Worcester, where he now resides. Ch.,
1. ANN J., b. June 27, 1858, m. Samuel N. Keith (K).
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- 8-6 JOSEPH ADAMS, (Moses H., Nathaniel, Andrew), b. Jan. 19, 1832, m. Mar. 28, 1866, Sarah A. Newton, b. July, 1842. He is an extensive farmer, and has held several town offices. Children,
1. JOSEPH A., b. Mar. 3, 1870, d. Aug. 13, 1870.
  2. HORACE H., b. Jan. 28, 1879.
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- 9-1 CHARLES O. ADAMS, (Otis, Nathaniel, Andrew), b. July 27, 1822, m. Oct. 30, 1846, Deborah A. Chickering. He rev. to Chicago, where he now res. Children,
1. FANNIE J., b. Apr. 20, 1848, m. Vincent Menuez.
  2. OTIS H., b. May 27, 1853. (Gr. Williams Coll., 1879.)
  3. EMMA T., b. May 4, 1859.
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- 10-3 ANDREW H. ADAMS, (Otis, Nathaniel, Andrew), b. Dec. 4, 1832, m. Sept. 14, 1855, Mary J. Bigelow (B).  
He res. in Chicago, Ill. He resided with his father, Hon. Otis Adams, on his farm in town most of the time until he was married to a dau. of Hon. Abraham M. Bigelow. He was in business for some time in Boston. For the past few years he has been very successful—perhaps as much so as any of the boys who ever left Grafton—and solely through his own efforts, having received assistance from no one. The "Ottoman Cahvey Company of Chicago," of which he is president, and his son secretary, is a stock company, of which he is the sole proprietor. "Ottoman Cahvey" means, when translated, Turkish coffee; a process which he invented whereby all the strength and flavor of the coffee is retained in roasting. This house, it is claimed, do the largest ground coffee trade of any in the United States, selling goods in every state and territory in the Union, and all parts of Canada. He has testimonials from all parts of the country, which certify to the high appreciation in which his goods are held. Children,
1. MABLE E., b. Sept. 16, 1861, d. 1862.
  2. WILLIAM A., b. Aug. 2, 1859. Res. Chicago.
  3. MINNIE, d. young.
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- SAMUEL ADAMS, (son of James, brother of Andrew, Senior), m. Nov. 1, 1750, Elizabeth Gould, of Sutton; m. 2nd, June 4, 1786, Elizabeth Temple; m. 3rd, June 24, 1794, Olive Jones. Children,
1. ELIZABETH, b. May 3, 1790.
  2. SAMUEL J., b. Oct. 31, 1795, d. June 6, 1800.



MOSES ADAMS, (brother of Samuel), b. 1760, m. Mar. 29, 1786, Elizabeth Whipple (W), b. Apr. 2, 1767, d. Feb. 1, 1844. He d. May 2, 1839.

SAMUEL H. ADAMS, (from Bridgeton, Ct.), m. Apr. 12, 1857, Helen A. Newton. Ch.,

1. FRANCES H., b. Oct. 27, 1857, d. Jan. 1, 1860.

### ALDRICH.

PARDON ALDRICH, b. in Uxbridge, came from Mendon, m. Rachel Drake, b. 1773, d. July 8, 1842; m. 2nd, Hannah (Bigelow) Richardson, d. July 8, 1842. He d. Mar. 16, 1857. Children,

- 1 1. CHARLES, b. June 4, 1797, m. Eliza Wadsworth.
2. LYMAN D., b. 1800, m. Sarah Davenport and Mary Neibert.

He resided with his parents until he was fourteen years of age, when he was engaged as a clerk in a store in Sutton; at twenty-one he had charge of a mill in New England Village; subsequently he was in business in Philadelphia, and removed to Natchez, Miss., about 1837, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits, to which, in later years, he added cotton planting on an extensive scale. During the war he retired from active business, and when the strife ceased turned his attention to general speculation and cotton planting. He was twice married, first to Sarah, daughter of Hon. Benjamin Davenport, of Mendon, Mass., by whom he had three children, one dying in infancy; second, a daughter, dying at the age of eight years; the third, Lyman Godfrey. His first wife died in 1842, in Natchez, Miss., of consumption. His second wife, a native of Natchez, Mary Neibert, died Feb. 5, 1872, leaving no children. He died on the 22d November, 1877. His son, Lyman Godfrey Aldrich, was born Jan. 31, 1839, and accompanied his mother to Natchez; fall of same year returned to Massachusetts. After her death, in 1842, remained partly in Mendon, partly in Grafton, until fall of 1849, then went South. Followed an uneventful life until April, 1861, when he entered the Southern army as a private of the Natchez Quitman Light Artillery; served through the war, meeting with various promotions, and ending as a major in C. S. A. Subsequent to the war engaged in cotton planting, to which he added sugar planting in 1873, and in which he continues.

- 2 3. EBENEZER, b. Jan. 1, 1806, m. Hannah Kimball.
4. BENJAMIN, b. Dec. 4, 1809, unm.
5. ABBIE, b. Mar. 4, 1799, unm.
6. BETSEY, b. 1804, d. unm. Oct. 2, 1828.
7. EMELINE, b. Aug. 3, 1814, m. Winthrop Faulkner.

He was born in Billerica, Middlesex County, June 5, 1817, the son of Francis and Ann (Robbins) Faulkner. His education was limited to that of the common schools in his native town, with the exception of a very short time, when he attended an out-of-town Academy. He left home at the early age of sixteen years, for Nashua, N. H. Here he remained a short time, subsequently removing to Andover, Mass. In 1838 he engaged in trade in this town as a country merchant, in the "Green store," where he remained for six years. In 1844 he erected his present building, now occupied as a store and his residence. He was engaged in business here for twenty years, and for a number of years past has been out of active business life. He was one of our most successful business men, and retired on the accumulations of a prosperous business.

- 1-1 CHARLES ALDRICH, (Pardon), b. June 4, 1797, m. Nov. 8, 1823, Eliza Wadsworth, b. March 26, 1804. He d. June 13, 1847. Children,  
 1. CHARLES E., b. July 17, 1824, m. Caroline Batcheller and Sarah Batcheller.  
 2. PARDON W., b. Sept. 12, 1826, rev. Worcester.
- 3 CYRUS D., b. March 22, 1829, m. Helen B. Whitney.  
 4. HANNAH E., b. Aug. 13, 1831, d. Oct. 15, 1835.  
 5. GEORGE H., b. July 14, 1833, d. June 11, 1871.  
 6. LEWIS, b. May 5, 1835, d. March 25, 1857.  
 7. ALBERT, b. Nov. 10, 1837, d. June 27, 1860.  
 8. FRANKLIN A., b. April 6, 1841.  
 9. EDWARD K., b. Aug., 1846, unm.
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- 2-3 MAJOR EBENEZER ALDRICH, (Pardon), b. Jan. 1, 1806, m. Nov. 26, 1829, Hannah Kimball. He d. Sept. 27, 1853. Children,  
 1. ELLEN E., b. Sept. 2, 1830.  
 2. AUGUSTUS K., b. Dec. 2, 1832, d. Feb. 15, 1835.  
 3. AUGUSTUS K., b. April 15, 1835.  
 4. WILLIAM T., b. Oct. 14, 1837.  
 5. SAMUEL W., b. November 28, 1839.  
 6. JAMES E., b. Jan. 6, 1843.
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- 3-3 CYRUS D. ALDRICH, (Charles, Pardon), b. March 22, 1829, m. June 8, 1859, Helen B. Whitney (W), b. Oct. 13, 1838, d. May 4, 1873. He res. here and is engaged in business in Worcester. Children,  
 1. MARION W., b. Nov. 4, 1860. 2. CHARLES F., b. Sept. 30, 1870.
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THOMAS ALDRICH, (lineage not ascertained), by wife Cynthia, had,

1. ELLEN M., b. Nov. 11, 1841. 2. CATHERINE, b. Dec. 25, 1843.  
 3. CHARLES H., b. March 31, 1853, res. Cal.  
 4. FREDERICK A., b. Feb. 8, 1855, m. and res. in Worcester.
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MARCUS M. ALDRICH, (from Northbridge), by wife Mary A., had,

1. CHARLOTTE B., b. April 2, 1857.
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## ALLEN.

WALTER ALLEN was of Newbury, 1640, and resided there several years. He moved to Watertown prior to April, 1662; at that time he was a proprietor, and was one of a coroner's jury, July 19, 1663. He was "haberdasher of hats."

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JOSEPH ALLEN, JR., (Joseph, Joseph, Walter), b. 1709, m. in Westborough, Feb. 19, 1732, Mary or Mercy Livermore, b. 1712 (Daniel, Samuel, John), d. March 1, 1789. He d. Aug. 18, 1793.

"He was said to have been b. in Weston, and his mother d. when he was very young." They were "both of Hassanamisco," and rev. to Hardwick. Chil.

1. SARAH, b. July 25, 1734.
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ELIJAH ALLEN, (lineage not ascertained), m. Nov. 27, 1744, Mary Hunt. Children,

1. TIMOTHY, b. Oct. 17, 1745. 2. SARAH, b. June 25, 1749.  
 3. JONAS, b. Oct. 20, 1751. 4. ELIJAH, b. July 18, 1755.

LUKE F. ALLEN (Phineas), b. Sept., 1815, m. April 19, 1839, Elizabeth W. Greenwood, dau. of Jonas, d. Jan. 2, 1853; m. 2nd, Feb. 11, 1875, Kate Harrington (H). He was born in Oakham, and came to Grafton in 1835; he entered the employ of Pratt & Putnam, and subsequently worked for J. R. Putnam & Co., at New England Village. In 1842, he removed to the Centre and engaged in manufacturing shoes in company with Luther Stow, in which business he continued for three years. He bought out his partner and continued alone for a short time. In 1846, he formed a co-partnership with Samuel C. Flagg, which continued until Dec., 1877, when they were succeeded by Allen (Herbert F.) and Newton. The firm occupied the shop now owned by Lewis W. Dodge until 1858, when they removed to the shop built by F. M. Marble; this building was enlarged by them in 1871. He was representative in 1856.

Children,

- 1 1. HERBERT F., b. April 5, 1842, m. Susan P. Hebbard, s. p.
2. WILLIAM J., b. Feb. 5, 1846, m. Christine C. Boyde.

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ETHAN ALLEN, (lineage not ascertained), by wife, Mary, had,  
1. LAURELLE, b. March 17, 1838. 2. ANGENETT, b. Aug. 19, 1840.

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- 1-2 WILLIAM J. ALLEN, (Luke F., Phineas), b. Feb. 5, 1846, m. Nov. 24, 1874, Christine C. Boyde, b. Oct. 2, 1853.

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1. LIZZIE WARREN G., b. July 20, 1876.
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### ANDREWS.

WILLIAM D. ANDREWS, son of Nahum and Nancy Gale Andrews, was born in Grafton, May 23, 1818. The family removed in 1828, to Needham, now Grantville, where his father kept the well-known Hotel and Stage House, on the Boston and Worcester turnpike. Here and at Newton Lower Falls he attended the district school, entering a country store at the latter place and remaining one year; in 1833, he removed with his father's family to the city of New York, and engaged in various employments, being mainly connected with the iron interests.

From 1836, his father having opened an iron yard, he remained in his employ until 1840, when they became interested in a wrecking company then operating upon the ship *Bristol*, at Rockaway, L. I., in which were associated Phineas Bennett, a noted inventor, and his son, Capt. Orlando Bennett, long famous as a wrecker; this connection continued until 1847, and attracted his attention to mechanics and inventions, in which and his mercantile pursuits in the city of New York, mainly in connection with iron and metal interests, he has since been engaged; his business having been located for over forty years upon two adjoining blocks.

His first invention, the Centrifugal pump, the pioneer of its class, was conceived from necessity, the mother of invention, and changed dire failure into success; its use was commenced in 1844, for removing sand from wrecked ships, other means having failed, and was patented in 1846; it has since been extensively introduced into the four quarters of the globe.

The death of his father, in 1846, caused his relinquishment of the wrecking interests and his return and entire devotion to, the iron and metal trade.

His patent was sold to I. Stuart Gwynne, by whom the pumps were manufactured in this country and were introduced, during the World's Fair of 1851, into England, where they are now extensively manufac-



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Wm. L. Andrews





tured, by the Gwynne's, the leading Centrifugal pump manufacturers of Great Britain, in the city of London.

An improved Centrifugal pump, patented in 1854, when put on exhibition at the New York Crystal Palace, was tested, and found on trial to combine all the advantages of the so-called Gwynne pump, with a consumption of only one-half the power; this led to the starting of a small shop for its manufacture, which soon grew to large dimensions, and was carried on by the firm of William D. Andrews & Bro., in connection with their iron and metal business, and was exclusively devoted to the manufacture of this and other inventions of the senior partner, by whom in addition to many unpatented inventions, over thirty patents have since been taken out for Centrifugal pumps, force and feed pumps, steam engines, boilers, friction gear, safety elevators and kindred mechanical inventions, many of which are patented in Europe and have a world-wide reputation.

The culminating success of the Centrifugal pump system was attained at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition, where it supplied the waterfall and water for testing turbine water wheels, receiving with several others of his inventions the highest awards.

One of these pumps capable of discharging 2,000 barrels of water per minute, the largest ever manufactured in the country, was used by Capt. Eads in deepening the mouth of the Mississippi river.

Mr. Andrews' extended connection with pumps, pumping machinery, kindred inventions and enterprises connected therewith, led to his becoming interested in the American Driven Well, an invention which has revolutionized the methods of obtaining a water supply from the earth, which had previously remained unchanged for centuries; for the past seven years he has largely devoted himself to the introduction of that invention, and the prosecution of legal measures for maintaining the patent, in doing which, notwithstanding the employment of the most eminent patent counsel, it is conceded that the final establishment of the patent by numerous decisions of the United States Courts, is very largely due to his thorough knowledge of the subject, in its legal as well as its mechanical and scientific bearings, which in connection with his and a younger brother's business training and qualifications, have enabled them to give this invention an acknowledged standing among the great improvements of the age.

Receiving only a Massachusetts district school education, finished in his fifteenth year, without mechanical education or training, capital or influence, always busily employed without even ordinary leisure or opportunities, the subject of this sketch during his busy life has mastered an amount of mechanical, scientific and legal knowledge that few persons have been able to do with the most favorable opportunities.

Though in early life always taking an active interest in public affairs, and frequently urged by his friends for political preferment, his tastes and devotion to business precluded political aspirations, and with the exception of some years' connection with the management of the public schools, and two years service as a member of the New York Board of Education, his life has been strictly a private one, although he is widely known through his inventions, which are in use in the leading countries of the globe.

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#### AXTELL.

The progenitor of the Axtells in America was Thomas Axtell, who came over from Burkhamestead, England, about 1642, where he was b. 1619. A brother of his, Col. Daniel Axtell, was prominent as a brave soldier

and officer under Cromwell. He commanded the guards at the trial of Charles I., for which he was put to death as a regicide when Charles II. was restored. Thomas Axtell settled in Sudbury, where he died, in 1646, at the early age of twenty-seven. Henry Axtell, his son, took land in Marlborough, in 1660, married in 1665, and had several children. He was killed by the Indians, April 21st, 1676. Of his two sons, Thomas, b. 1672, removed to Grafton somewhere about 1730, and settled in the north part of the town, in what is now called the "Farms," and on the very land now occupied by his descendants. Tradition reports that the earliest white inhabitants of Grafton spent their first winter in the town beside a large rock on the Axtell farm. Thomas Axtell had a mind of his own in all matters, especially religious, as the old records of the church in Grafton show. He is reported to have said of his two sons that "one was overmuch righteous, and the other overmuch wicked." He died Dec. 18, 1750. The former was Thomas, born 1712, who came to Grafton with his father and died here.

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THOMAS AXTELL, (Henry, Thomas), b. Aug. 8, 1672, m. Nov. 2, 1697, Sarah Barker, of Concord. He d. 1750. Children,

1. THOMAS, b. Aug. 19, 1698, d. Dec. 22, 1698.
2. SARAH, b. Feb. 16, 1703, m. Feb. 7, 1721, Josiah Hayden.
3. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 1, 1705, m. 1730, Abigail Hayden.
- 0 4. THOMAS, b. May 11, 1712, m. Elizabeth Sherman and Mary Sanger.
5. JOHN, b. Apr. 15, 1715. 6. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 8, 1717.

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0-4 THOMAS AXTELL, (Thomas, Henry, Thomas), b. in Marlboro, May 11, 1712, m. May 13, 1736, Elizabeth Sherman (S), b. Oct. 15, 1715, d. June 26, 1747; m. 2nd, Oct. 6, 1760, Mary Sanger. He d. 1798. Children,

1. SARAH, b. Apr. 25, 1737. 2. ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 26, 1739.
3. HANNAH, b. Oct. 6, 1741. 4. JOHN, b. June 3, 1744.
- 1 5. THOMAS, b. Dec. 16, 1746, m. Deborah Jones, of Wrentham.
6. MARY, b. Mar. 12, 1747. 7. PHEBE, b. Mar. 13, 1747. Twins.

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1-5 THOMAS AXTELL, (Thomas, Thomas, Henry, Thomas), b. Dec. 16, 1746, m. June 10, 1777, Deborah Jones, dau. of Seth, who was killed in the French and Indian war. He d. 1819. Children,

1. CHOLE A., b. July 11, 1778, d. Mar. 2, 1851, unm.
2. SETH, b. July 28, 1780, d. 1798.
- 2 3. THOMAS, b. May 2, 1783, m. Hannah Walker.
4. DEBORAH, b. May 21, 1788, d. June, 1843.
5. OLIVE, b. 1790, d. 1869. 6. JOHN, b. July 15, 1792, d. young.

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2-3 THOMAS AXTELL, (Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Henry, Thomas), b. May 2, 1783, m. 1808, Hannah Walker. Her father served seven years in the Revolutionary war. He d. Oct., 1824. Children,

1. ADALINE H., b. Oct. 7, 1809, m. John V. Leland (L).
- 3 2. SETH J., b. June 26, 1811, m. Lucy B. Stratton.
3. THOMAS R., b. Apr. 20, 1813, d. June 26, 1813.
4. THOMAS R., b. Apr. 23, 1814.

He went, when a young man, to St. Louis, Mo., where he spent the greater part of his life. He held various offices, being at one time collector of taxes for the county of St. Louis.

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3-2 SETH J. AXTELL, (Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Henry, Thomas), b. June 26, 1811, m. Nov. 18, 1832, Lucy B. Stratton.

With the exception of two years he has always resided in Grafton. He had just commenced the manufacture of boots and shoes when the financial crisis of 1837 came and swept away his all. About 1850 he left the shoemaker's bench to try manufacturing again. In this he continued about twenty years, till failing health admonished him to retire to the old homestead, where he now lives. When a young man he united with the Baptist Church, of which he has always been a staunch supporter. In politics he identified himself, at the start, with the Liberty party, and labored, under the lead of Wilson and Sumner, for the triumph of the doctrines of freedom and equality. In 1862 he was chosen to the Legislature from Grafton, and heartily supported all measures proposed for the maintenance of the Union. Children,

- 4 1. JOSEPH K., b. Sept. 26, 1834, m. Julia A. Laws.
2. SARAH W., b. July 5, 1836.
- 5 3. JANE E., b. Oct. 5, 1838, m. S. H. Hosmer.
4. SETH J., Jr., b. Dec. 18, 1841, m. Mary C. Fletcher.
- 6 5. CYRUS R., b. Sept. 15, 1845, m. Jane E. Standridge.

- 4-1 JOSEPH K. AXTELL, (Seth J., Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Henry, Thomas), b. Sept. 26, 1834, m. 1859, Julia A. Laws. He res. in Gardner.

He studied at Monson Academy, and taught school several winters. In 1862 he enlisted in Co. E, 51st Mass. Vols., Colonel Sprague, serving his nine months in South Carolina. Returning home he engaged in business with his father, and is now proprietor of a boot and shoe store. Ch.

1. WALTER C., b. Aug. 5, 1860.

- 5-4 REV. SETH J. AXTELL, JR., (Seth J., Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Henry, Thomas), b. Dec. 18, 1841, m. Aug. 1, 1865, Mary C. Fletcher (F).

He early showed a decided liking for books and study. Passing through the district and High schools of Grafton he spent a year fitting for college at Pierce Academy, Middleborough, and entered Amherst College in 1859. The next year he left Amherst for Brown University (his original choice); continued there till 1862, when he enlisted in the same company with his brother, Joseph K., and served his term in North Carolina. Returning in 1863, he resumed his studies at Brown, and graduated in 1864. He entered Newton Theological Institution the same year, completed the regular three-years' course, and was ordained to the work of the ministry in the Baptist denomination, Jan. 31, 1868, at Monroe, Michigan. In 1870 he returned to Massachusetts, and settled at West Medway, December 1st, where he remained till April, 1878. Removing thence to Needham, he received an invitation to the presidency of Leland University, a school established at New Orleans, La., for the education of colored teachers and preachers, which position he accepted. In this work he is now engaged. Children,

1. WILLIAM F., b. Aug. 12, 1869, at Monroe, Mich.
2. ETHEL M., b. Aug. 10, 1872, at W. Medway, Mass.
3. HAROLD L., b. May 24, 1876, at W. Medway, Mass.

- 6-5 CYRUS R. AXTELL, (Seth J., Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Henry, Thomas), b. Sept. 15, 1845, m. Jane Standridge.

He also served a short time in the war; married in Grafton, and now resides with his father on the homestead. Children,

1. ROLAND J., b. Mar. 11, 1869. 2. ADA, b. Sept. 4, 1872.  
3. ELSIE S., b. Mar. 31, 1877.

DANIEL AXTELL, (lineage not ascertained), m. Nov. 12, 1754, Elizabeth Whittemore. Children,

1. MOSES, b. Jan. 11, 1755. 2. AARON, b. Mar. 23, 1757.

JOHN AXTELL, d. Apr. 10, 1742.

### BAKER.

Many of this name have wrongly supposed that at least all the New England stock sprung from one common American ancestor or family, but the records show that a number came from England prior to 1650, and settled in various parts of New England, and if of common origin, it dates back of their settlement in America. Among these were Cornelius, of Salem, Mass.; Alexander, of Boston, 1635; Francis, 1635; John, 1644; and William, also of Boston; Daniel, of Yarmouth; Ebenezer, of Salem; Jeffrey, of Windsor, 1642; John, of Ipswich, 1634; John, of Woburn, 1644; John, of Hartford; Nathaniel and brother, of Hingham, 1635; Nicholas, of Hingham, 1636; Nathaniel, of Watertown; Richard, of Dorchester, 1639; Robert and Thomas, of Roxbury; Samuel and Edward, of Lynn, 1630; Thomas, of Milford, 1630; and some others. About half of these families have genealogies more or less full, in some of the branches extending to the present time.

CORNELIUS BAKER, m. May 26, 1763, Esther Gold. "Nov. 15, 1753, he returned home from soldiering."

WARD BAKER, b. 1772, m. Phebe Fowler. Children,

1. SOPHRONIA, b. 1799, m. Zalmon Toby.
2. ALMIRA, b. 1800, m. Dr. Levi Rawson. 3. HILLEL, b. 1803.
4. NARCISSA, b. 1805, d. 1828.
5. MILLOTT, b. 1806, m. Susan Roberts.
6. FATINIA, b. 1808, m. Job Nelson.

THOMAS M. BAKER, b. 1777, m. May 1, 1798, Betsey Sherman. Children,

1. BETSEY, b. 1801, m. John Shurtliff.
  - 1 2. THOMAS M., b. 1803, m. Sophia Morse and Bathsheba Brown.
  3. MERRILL, b. 1806, m. Martha Brown.
  4. LAPULETT, b. 1808, d. 1811.
  5. NANCY, b. 1811, m. Stillman Coburn.
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- 1-2 THOMAS M. BAKER, JR., (Thomas M.), b. 1803, m. Sophia Morse and Bathsheba Brown. Children,
1. SAMUEL, b. 1820. 2. SUSAN, b. 1828. 3. BERSEY, b. 1831.
  4. THOMAS M., Jr., b. 1845.

LOVELL BAKER, b. 1779, m. Mary Legg. He d. July 24, 1857. Children,

1. CYNTHIA, b. 1804, d. 1820.
2. LOVELL, Jr., b. 1808, m. Sarah P. Page.
3. MARY, b. 1813, m. Andrew E. Turner (T).



- 2-2 LOVELL BAKER, JR., (Lovell), b. 1808, m. Sarah P. Page, b. 1805, dau. of John. He res. in Worcester. Children,  
 1. CYNTHIA E., b. June 24, 1830.  
 2. JOHN L., b. Jan. 7, 1832, m. Sarah B. Warren (W), s. p.

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THOMAS J. BAKER, by wife, Anna, had,

1. WILLIAM J., b. Nov. 19, 1825. 2. MARY A., b. Nov. 21, 1827.  
 3. ANN E., b. Oct. 12, 1830. 4. MARTHA A., b. May 10, 1833.  
 5. THOMAS F., b. Jan. 19, 1835. 6. ELLEN L., b. March 15, 1837.  
 7. EDWARD A., b. Dec. 22, 1839.

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HEALEY BAKER, m. Lucy E. Maynard, April 4, 1839. Gideon Baker d. Aug. 21, 1751.

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### BARNARD.

JOHN BARNARD, the ancestor, came from Ipswich, Eng., 1634, and settled in Watertown. He was made freeman in 1634.

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ISAAC BARNARD, (James, John, John), b. March 13, 1701, m. Nov. 15, 1726, Sarah Stearns, b. May 9, 1708, d. April 9, 1806. He removed from Watertown to Grafton, and subsequently to Millbury and Worcester. He was a Justice of the Peace, and d. March 18, 1788. Children,

1. ISAAC, b. May 27, 1727, physician, and res. in Thomaston, Me.  
 2. SARAH, b. May 11, 1729, m. Rev. James Wellman; they had ten ch. in all.

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### BATCHELLER. (Batchellor, Batchelder.)

JOSEPH BATCHELLER of Canterbury, England, embarked for New England in 1636, "with his wife, Elizabeth, one child and three servants." He settled first in Salem, that part afterwards Wenham; was made freeman in 1637; was deputy in the General Court at Boston, in 1644, and the first representative from Wenham. Whether he was related to Rev. Stephen Batcheller cannot be ascertained. Mr. Jno. A. Boutell, the antiquarian and student of family histories, says, "the Batchellers in this country are not connected with each other."

Joseph Batcheller is the ancestor of the Sutton and Grafton families bearing the name. His children were, Mark, John, Elizabeth and Hannah. His descendants have remained in Wenham until the present time. Mark, probably his son, was killed in the assault made upon the stronghold of the Narragansetts, December, 1675.

The church in Wenham was organized Oct. 8, 1644, and Joseph Batcheller was one of the members. His wife, Elizabeth, was admitted to membership on the 17th of November of the same year. He died about 1699.

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MOSES BATCHELLER, (Abner, Abraham, David, John, Joseph), b. in Sutton, Nov. 22, 1784, m. Jan. 7, 1807, Polly Chase, b. Jan. 25, 1791, d. Jan. 16, 1871. Children,

1. MARY, b. Dec. 22, 1807, m. Jason L. Lewis and Robert W. Phillips (P).  
 2. MOSES L., b. Dec. 3, 1809, m. Sarah A. Phillips.  
 3. ALEXANDER, b. Dec. 2, 1811, m. Lucy Dean, Ruth Young and Keziah Wallen. He rev. to Minn., where he practised his profession, that of medicine, and died much respected.



4. JONAS H., b. March 17, 1816, m. Rachel Wallen and Keziah Sayles. He res. in Penn.
5. CHARLES F., b. March 4, 1823, unm.

- 1-2 MOSES L. BATCHELLER, (Moses, Abner, Abraham, David, John, Joseph), b. Dec. 3, 1809, m. Nov. 13, 1833, Sarah A. Phillips (P), d. May 22, 1877. He d. May 22, 1851. He began the manufacture of scythes in Grafton about 1833, and continued some years, subsequently moving to Burrillville, R. I., and joining with the "Inmans," who were extensive manufactures. The quality of his goods was the very best and they found a ready market in all sections of the country. The name "Batcheller," which was stamped upon every scythe was a guarantee as to quality, etc. Children,
1. GEORGE C., b. Sept. 27, 1834, m. S. Ada Cummings, and res. in New York.

He received his early education at the Grafton High School, and rudiments of business of Harrington & Wheeler; graduated at Barre Academy, 1855. In the fall of 1855 he went to Boston and engaged himself as clerk in the well-known house of Turner, Wilson & Co., wholesale dry goods dealers; remained with them until the panic of 1857. He removed to New York in 1858, continuing in the same line of business until 1861. He then commenced the manufacture of hoop skirts under the firm name of Nichols & Batcheller, and continued until Dec. 31, 1864, which firm carried on a successful business. He then joined the celebrated house of W. S. Thomson, Langdon & Co., manufacturers of "The Crown Skirt and Patent Glove Fitting Corsets." The celebrity of their goods is world-renowned, and they find a market in every quarter of the globe. The senior member of the firm retired January, 1879, and the business is now carried on by Geo. C. Batcheller and his partner, Chas. H. Langdon.

2. HIRAM W., b. Jan. 25, 1841, m. Mary Reynolds.

He came to Worcester when quite young. At the breaking out of the civil war he enlisted in the 21st regiment as private and served throughout the rebellion, and returned as sergeant-major of his regiment. After his return to Worcester he joined the Worcester Brass Band, and received good musical training from the skilled hands of Thomas Richardson. Some years ago he emigrated to Binghamton, N. Y., since which time he has made music his chief study; teaching band music. He is leader of one of the principal bands in that place, which bears his name.

3. MARY LOUISA, b. Jan. 24, 1846, m. Henry Ainsworth, and d. at sea between New York and New Orleans, in 1865.
4. WILLIAM H., b. Oct. 1, 1852, res. New York city.

DAVID BATCHELLER, by wife, Thankful ———, had, Children,

1. THANKFUL, b. Sept. 4, 1735. 2. PERRIN, b. Nov. 1, 1737.
3. DINAH, negro servant to David, b. June 16, 1738.
4. SUSANNAH, b. Jan. 14, 1740. 5. DAVID, b. April 28, 1742.
6. WILLIAM, b. Feb. 24, 1743.

NEHEMIAH BATCHELLER, by wife Experience ———, had Children,

1. DAVID, b. March 25, 1739. 2. MARY, b. Aug. 3, 1740.
3. NEHEMIAH, b. Oct. 25, 1741. 4. PHEBE, b. Oct. 3, 1743.
5. LYDIA, b. Nov. 1, 1745. 6. ELIJAH, b. Feb. 28, 1747.
7. BULAH, b. Oct. 12, 1749.

JOSEPH BATCHELLER, m. Mary ———, d. June 21, 1773; 2nd\*, Sept.

\* In E. Sudbury.



*Yours sincerely*  
*J. C. Batcheller*



8, 1780, Sarah Tilton. He d. in 1797, beloved and respected by all his acquaintance. His death is sincerely lamented.—*Massachusetts Spy*.  
Children,

1. MARY, b. Aug. 10, 1743.
  - 1 2. PERLEY, b. Sept. 7, 1745, m. Mary ———.
  3. SUSANNAH, b. Jan. 7, 1747, d. Feb. 1, 1747.
  4. SARAH, b. Aug. 1, 1748. 5. JOSEPH, b. Jan. 8, 1749, d. Oct. 21, 1751.
  6. JEREMIAH, b. Aug. 31, 1751. 7. SUSANNAH, b. Dec. 15, 1753.
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- 1-2 PERLEY, (Joseph), b. Sept. 7, 1745, m. Mary ———, d. Aug. 19, 1828.  
He d. Feb. 7, 1812. Children,
1. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 9, 1772, d. July 19, 1776.
  2. MOSES, b. April 1, 1774, d. April 13, 1774.
  3. AARON, b. April 1, 1774.
  4. SUSANNAH, b. Jan. 24, 1775, d. July 22, 1776.
  5. MOLLY, b. April 26, 1777, d. April 26, 1777.
  - 2 6. PERLEY, b. March 10, 1778, m. Lois ———.
  7. SALLY, b. Aug., 1780.
  - 3 8. JOHN, b. Sept. 13, 1783, m. Sally ———.
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- 2-6 PERLEY BATCHELLER, (Perley, Joseph), b. March 10, 1778, m. Lois ———. Children,
1. MARY A., b. Aug. 26, 1805. 2. JULIA S., b. March 30, 1807.
  3. CHARLES H., b. Feb. 19, 1809.
  4. HARRIET B., b. Sept. 3, 1810, m. David Packard, and d. March 31, 1838.
  5. JOSEPH P., b. April 3, 1812.
  6. MARTHA A., b. June 9, 1814, d. Sept. 10, 1840.
  7. SAMUEL S., b. June 21, 1816. 8. WILLIAM A., b. June 30, 1819.
  9. BENJAMIN W., b. May 22, 1824.
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- 3-8 JOHN BATCHELLER, (Perley, Joseph), b. Sept. 13, 1783, m. Sally ———. He d. in Millbury, Oct. 9, 1843. Children,
1. SARAH S., b. Sept. 2, 1809.
  2. HANNAH R., b. Nov. 20, 1811, d. Jan. 9, 1835.
  3. JOHN A., b. May 15, 1814, d. Aug. 4, 1815.
  4. JOHN A., b. May 1, 1816, d. Oct. 15, 1821.
  5. JOSEPH M., b. Aug. 15, 1820, d. March 15, 1822.
  6. MARY E., b. Aug. 15, 1820, d. March 24, 1822.
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- JONATHAN BATCHELLER, m. Thankful ———. Ch.,
1. MARGEREY, b. April 18, 1771.
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- NATHANIEL BATCHELLER, m. Oct. 8, 1778, Betty Wait. Children,
1. NATHANIEL, b. Dec. 14, 1779. 2. BETTY, b. March 7, 1780.
  3. LYDIA, b. Oct. 9, 1782.
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- JOSEPH BATCHELLER, b. June 10, 1791, m. Feb. 18, 1823, Hannah Paul Merriam (M), b. Aug. 20, 1798. He d. Aug. 29, 1868.
- He was born probably in this town, on Keith Hill. Soon after marriage he removed to Farnumsville, and resided in an old house about half-way between the Baptist Meeting-house and the old Wadsworth house; here he was engaged in business. In 1821, he removed to the centre of the town and resided in the John Bennett house, afterwards in the Forbush house, and subsequently in the old Hannah Pease house; here he was in business in company with Hon. Samuel Wood and Paul

Farnum. He finally removed to New England Village, and there conducted the business of the company (Wood, Kimball & Co.). The style of the firm was afterwards changed to Batcheller & Kimball (Noah), and to Joseph Batcheller. In 1851 he removed to Worcester, where he resided for three years, returning to Grafton in 1854. Two years later he purchased the farm now occupied by his wife and son, Charles M. Children,

1. JOSEPH G., b. Mar. 29, 1824, m., and d. Aug. 13, 1873.
2. NATHANIEL W., b. Nov. 16, 1825, m., and d. June 28, 1868.

He was educated at the common schools here, and before attaining his majority he went to Worcester and was employed as clerk in a dry goods store, subsequently engaging in business on his own account. In 1850, or thereabouts, he removed to Boston, and was employed by Pierce Brothers & Co., in their wholesale dry goods house, as clerk. He was at one time captain of the Boston Light Infantry, and later, captain of the Sixth Battalion of Rifles. When the late war of the Rebellion broke out the four companies in the Battalion of Rifles formed the nucleus of the Thirteenth Regiment, which went into camp at Fort Independence, Boston harbor. He was promoted to lieutenant-colonel, and served in this capacity until the expiration of his term of service. He was at one time provost-marshal under Gen. N. P. Banks, in Maryland. Returning to Boston, he engaged in business, and died there.

3. MARY C., b. July 10, 1827, m. Charles Aldrich, and d. Mar. 13, 1851.
4. GEORGE L., b. Feb. 25, 1829. 5. SAMUEL W., b. May 1, 1831.
6. CHARLES M., b. Mar. 29, 1833. Res. here with his mother.
7. SARAH E., b. Oct. 22, 1834, m. Charles Aldrich, and res. in Auburn-dale.
8. JOHN D., b. Apr. 22, 1839, d. Dec. 16, 1844.

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### **BIGELOW, (Biglow, Biglo, Bigulah, etc.).**

JOHN BIGELOW, blacksmith, of Watertown, took the oath of fidelity, 1652, and was selectman 1665, 1670, 1671. He m. Mary Warren, (this is the earliest m. found on the Watertown records); m. 2nd, Sarah Bemis. This family was early in the country, and may be traced to a remote period in England, even to the reign of Henry III., when the name was written Baguley, and was derived from the place where they dwelt. Richard, at that time, was lord of Baguley, and his descendants took the name of the place. In the reign of Henry VII., Ralph de Baguley was lord of Ollerton Hall. The ancestor, John, descended from Ralph, through Randall, Robert, Randall and Francis.

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SAMUEL BIGELOW, JR., (Samuel, John), b. Sept. 18, 1677, m. 1705, Ruth Warren (W), b. Oct. 15, 1681, d. Apr., 1716; m. 2nd, Dec. 4, 1716, Mary Gleason. His estate was settled in 1734. Children,

1. MARY, b. Dec. 17, 1705, m. Daniel Ward.
2. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 16, 1707. Father of Silas, who gr. Harvard University, 1765; ordained in Paxton, 1767.
3. CORNELIUS, b. Mar. 24, 1710, m. Mary Greaves.
- 1 4. JEDEDIAH, b. Feb. 8, 1714, m. Thamezine Hemenway.
- 2 5. RUTH, b. 1716, d. 1716.
6. JASON, b. Apr. 11, 1718, m. Abigail Witt, and d. in Brookfield.
7. RUTH, b. Dec. 30, 1719, m. Daniel Hemenway.
8. AMARIAH, b. Sept. 14, 1722, m. Lydia Brigham. Was deacon and res. in Shrewsbury (Boylston).
9. MARTHA, b. Oct. 21, 1724.



1-3 CORNELIUS BIGELOW, (Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Nov. 24, 1710, m. Dec. 28, 1731, Mary Greaves, of Westborough. He res. in Westborough, and owned the covenant in Grafton. He had a family of eight children.

2-4 JEDEDIAH BIGELOW, (Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Feb. 8, 1714, m. 1737, Thamezine Hemenway. Children,  
 1. ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 14, 1737.  
 2. RUTH, b. Sept. 25, 1739.  
 3. SARAH, b. July 14, 1741.

SAMUEL BIGELOW, (Samuel, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. June 24, 1731, m. July 1, 1755, Phebe Rand, b. 1733, d. June 10, 1770; m. 2nd, 1770, Anna Winchester. Children,

1. LAVINAH, b. Feb. 1, 1756, m. James Wheeler (W).  
 2. MARY, b. Apr. 13, 1757.  
 3. VASHTI, b. May 19, 1758, m. James Wheeler (W).  
 4. LUCRETIA, b. June 1, 1760, m. Adam Harrington and Capt. Martin Newton.

3 5 HUMPHREY, b. Sept. 4, 1761, m. Mary Underwood and Hannah Whipple.  
 6. SERENA, b. Mar. 14, 1765, m. Benja. Jennings, Jr., of Brookfield.  
 7. JOHN, b. Dec. 11, 1771.

3-5 HUMPHREY BIGELOW, (Samuel, Samuel, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Sept. 4, 1761, m. Dec. 20, 1786, Mary Underwood, b. 1767, d. Oct. 6, 1789; m. 2nd, 1791, Hannah Whipple. He rev. to Sutton. Children,  
 1. JOHN, b. Aug. 12, 1787, d. 1810.  
 2. SAMUEL, b. July 2, 1793, m. Cynthia Forbush (F).  
 3. CATHERINE, b. Aug. 12, 1795.  
 4. HANNAH, b. Oct. 2, 1797, m. ——— Richardson and Pardon Aldrich (A).

They had three other children b. in Sutton.

Hon. ABRAHAM M. BIGELOW, (Charles, Charles, Joseph, John, Samuel, John), b. Feb. 1, 1810, m. May, 1833, Mary E. Bartlett, b. Jan. 25, 1812, d. May 2, 1848; m. 2nd, Mar. 14, 1849, Eliza Jane Whittemore, b. Aug. 23, 1824.

A special dispatch received at this office,\* late Monday night, from Boston, announced the sudden death of Hon. Abraham M. Bigelow, of Grafton, senator-elect from the second Worcester district, at the Evans House, in that city, last evening.† Mr. Bigelow was one of Grafton's most prominent citizens, and most influential and enterprising business men. At the time of his death he was engaged in the currying business, being the senior member of the well known firm of A. M. Bigelow & Co. As a business man Mr. Bigelow has always enjoyed the confidence of all with whom he has had dealings, and especially the people of Grafton, by whom his advice was frequently sought. As a citizen, he was ever ready to assist in any work for the promotion of the public welfare, and was many times elected to positions of trust in the town. At the last State election he was chosen senator by a handsome majority, and the citizens of the district congratulated themselves upon having secured the services of so able and experienced a representative. Throughout the Second Senatorial District, and particularly among his relatives and personal friends, his loss will be sincerely regretted. The

\* Worcester Daily Spy. † He died Nov. 30, 1875.

funeral services were held in presence of a very large and deeply sympathizing audience, at the West Congregational Church in Grafton. Mr. Bigelow was born in Northborough, Mass., Feb. 1st, 1810. In that town he acquired a thorough and practical knowledge of the tanning and currying business, and at the age of twenty-one came to Grafton, and soon after began business with his brother, Edward, with whom he remained in partnership for nearly thirty years.

Subsequently Mr. Bigelow went into the leather business in Pearl street, Boston, under the firm of A. M. Bigelow & Co., and rapidly built up a large and successful business until the great fire. With an unconquered energy he re-opened on High street, where he was doing business at the time of his decease. In connection with the Boston business he carried on large tanneries in New Hampshire, and was largely interested, as he was the wise counsellor and strong helper, in the large currying establishments in our own town.

"His business ability, good judgment, and strong common sense which he exhibited, made drafts upon his services in many other ways. He had frequently been chosen on the Board of Selectmen of his town; had been elected to both houses of the State Legislature; and at his decease was expecting soon to take his seat in the State Senate, to which, for the second time, he had been chosen. At the date of his death he was president of the Grafton Savings Bank, and one of the Board of Directors of the Grafton National Bank. Of the church that mourns his loss he has been a member since 1839, or for thirty-six years; cheerfully prompt to sustain the services of the sanctuary by his means and his presence. His death took place suddenly, at the Evans House, Boston, where, with his family, he had taken rooms for the winter."\* The funeral services closed with the hymn "Rock of Ages," sung by a quartette. The casket, containing the remains, was covered with rare and beautiful flowers, and crowns and crosses of exotics were arranged about it. The church and pulpit were draped in an appropriate manner, and during the services the stores and places of business in the town were closed. Among those present were a large delegation of his workmen, who attended in a body, and evinced by their sympathy their attachment to one who was truly the friend of the toiler, a delegation from the Boston Board of Trade, and a delegation from Keene, N. H. The president and directors of the Grafton National Bank acted as pall bearers.

A meeting of the shoe and leather dealers of Boston was held at the New England Shoe and Leather Exchange, No. 125 Federal street, yesterday, to testify their respect for the late Hon. A. M. Bigelow. Thomas E. Proctor, president of the association, occupied the chair. Remarks, bearing testimony to the integrity of character and sterling worth of the deceased, were made by the president and several others. Appropriate resolutions were also adopted, and a committee appointed to attend the funeral. Children,

1. MARY J., b. Apr. 18, 1836, m. Andrew H. Adams (A).
2. FREDERICK, b. Apr. 16, 1838, d. Sept. 12, 1838.
3. HELEN M., b. Sept. 5, 1839, m. Arthur G. Biscoe, b. May 26, 1842; graduated Amherst Coll., 1862; served in the army from Sept., '62, to Aug., '63; practised law in Westborough from 1864 to present time.
4. HENRY B., b. Aug. 13, 1841, d. May 20, 1843.
5. FREDERICK H., b. May 2, 1851, d. June 14, 1852.
6. ADA F., b. Dec. 13, 1853, m. Asa E. Stratton, who graduated at Brown University. He is now practising law in Fitchburg.
7. WALTER I., b. Oct. 7, 1855.

He received an excellent common school and academic education in

\* Rev. J. H. Windsor's funeral discourse.

the schools of his native town. He entered Yale College in the fall of 1873, and graduated with honors in June, 1877. He is a member of the well-known firm of A. M. Bigelow & Co., 98 High street, Boston, in which city he resides with his mother.

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HON. EDWARD B. BIGELOW, (Charles, Charles, Joseph, John, Samuel, John), b. July 21, 1807, m. July 17, 1834, Eleanor M. Moore, b. 1815, d. Feb. 26, 1864.

Edward B. Bigelow was born in Northborough, Mass., July 21, 1807. His early life was passed in the place of his birth, and Lancaster, Mass. He learned the trade of tanner and currier of Col. Davis of Northborough; settled in the town of Grafton about the year 1831. He was married in Worcester, Mass., to Miss Eleanor M. Moore, of that city, July 17, 1834. In 1832, he established the boot and shoe business with his brother Abraham M. Bigelow, under the firm of E. B. Bigelow & Co., and continued in this business till the beginning of the war. He occupied positions of trust and honor in church and town. In the years 1850 and 1851, as senator, a delegate to the Constitutional Convention to revise the Statutes of Massachusetts; held the office of Treasurer of the State Reform School a number of years; a delegate to the Republican Convention at Chicago, 1860; one of the Directors of the First Banking Institution in Grafton; also a Director in the Bay State Insurance Company, Worcester, Massachusetts; for thirty years treasurer of the Evangelical Congregational Church and Society; also superintendent of the Sunday School; before the war that abolished slavery, a strong advocate of the anti-slavery cause. He died after an illness of four weeks of malignant carbuncle, Sept. 20, 1871. He, like his brother, Hon. Abraham M., was much respected by his fellow-citizens. Children,

1. GEORGE W., b. Oct. 15, 1835, d. May 14, 1836.
2. GEORGE M., b. July 13, 1837, unm.
3. JANE M., b. Aug. 16, 1840, m. Edward L. Buttrick, res. in Charlestown, W. Va.
4. THOMAS M., b. Sept. 26, 1842, m. Mrs. Louise K. Savage.
5. HENRY M., b. Dec. 29, 1844, m. Jenette Longworth, res. in Boston.
6. ALDEN M., b. March 28, 1848, m. Isabell Merrill.
7. ARTHUR M., b. Sept. 11, 1851, m. Mary E. Merrill.

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4-6 ALDEN M. BIGELOW, (Edward B., Charles, Charles, Joseph, John, Samuel, John), b. March 28, 1848, m. Sept. 23, 1874, Isabell Merrill, b. Dec. 17, 1848, s. p. He is extensively engaged in currying leather in company with his brother.

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5-7 ARTHUR M. BIGELOW, (Edward B., Charles, Charles, Joseph, John, Samuel, John), b. Sept. 11, 1851, m. Oct. 10, 1878, Mary E. Merrill, b. Aug. 27, 1858, s. p. He is a member of the firm of A. & A. Bigelow, curriers.

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HON. CHARLES BIGELOW, (Charles, Charles, Joseph, John, Samuel, John), b. July 15, 1805, m. May 25, 1829, Cynthia G. Warren, d. Sept. 4, 1841; m. 2nd, Dec., 1849, Harriet C. Taft. His first wife was lost at sea on board the *Cuba*, between Galveston and New York. Col. Bigelow, b. in Northborough, resided there until he was ten years of age, when his father removed to Lancaster. He left home at the age of sixteen years; returning to Northborough, he entered the employ of Col. Joseph Davis, with whom he remained seven years. He removed to Detroit, Mich., and started the first tan-yard in the North Western

country, which he carried on until 1831, when he came to this town. For several years he was engaged in business here, in Northbridge, Uxbridge and Worcester. He then went to Texas, and when the Mexican war broke out was appointed colonel of a regiment of Rangers. He was stationed on the Rio Grande and took a prominent part in the battle of Palo Alto. He was elected mayor of Houston, in 1840 and 1841. He finally returned north and is now engaged in the currying business here. Children,

1. SARAH W., b. March, 1831, unm.
2. AGNES L., b. May, 1833, m. William Goodnow, and res. Atlanta, Ga.
3. HATTIE C., b. 1852, m. Robert C. Gerabrant, and res. in Chicago.
4. CHARLES, b. Dec., 1854, unm.

H. D. P. BIGELOW, m. Mary L. ———, b. June 1, 1814, d. Nov. 11, 1853. Children,

1. EMMA A., b. July 25, 1840, d. Feb. 27, 1857.
2. ADALAI D L., b. Aug. 18, 1844.
3. WILLIS H., b. Dec. 13, 1847.
4. ANNA A., b. Nov. 1, 1851.

LUCAS BIGELOW, (Gershom, Ivory, Gershom, John, Samuel, John), b. Dec. 14, 1808, m. March 31, 1830, Mahala L. Stow (S).

LEWIS H. BIGELOW, (Lewis), m. April 2, 1844, Rhoda A. Kemp. Children,

1. OSCAR L., d. Aug. 12, 1848.
2. OSCAR F., b. Nov. 27, 1854.
3. MARY A., m. Franklin Bigelow.
4. ELLA M., d. May 29, 1850.

## BOWMAN.

NATHANIEL BOWMAN applied to be admitted freeman Oct. 19, 1630, but was not admitted. He was one of the earliest proprietors. He rev. to Lexington from Watertown.

HON. JOSEPH BOWMAN, (Major Joseph, Capt. Thaddeus, Capt. Joseph, Joseph, Francis, Nathaniel), b. Sept. 10, 1771, m. for 2nd wife, Jan. 14, 1846, Mrs., Hannah B. D. Leland. He res. in New Braintree, and died without issue by this wife.

**BRIGHAM** is a Saxon word, compounded of *Brigg*—bridge, and *ham*—house. It was originally the name of a manor, now called the parish of Brigham, in the county of Cumberland, near Scotland, to which it has at times belonged. Thomas Brigham was the emigrant to this country, and settled in Watertown.

AARON BRIGHAM, (Thomas, Nathan, Thomas, Thomas), b. March 17, 1720, m. Dec. 1740, Elizabeth Brown; m. 2nd, 1761, Sarah Winchester. He d. between Sept. 8 and Oct. 31, 1768. Children,

1. AARON, b. Aug. 30, 1741, d. unm.
2. SARAH, b. Sept. 2, 1742, d. unm.
3. ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 30, 1743, d. Aug. 4, 1760.
4. DOROTHY, b. Dec. 24, 1744, d. 1769.
5. THOMAS, b. Feb. 7, 1745, d. unm.
- 1 6. EPHRAIM, b. March 2, 1746, m. Sarah ———.
7. JAMES, b. Aug. 23, 1748, d. unm.
8. AMARIAH, b. Jan. 3, 1749, d. Jan. 28, 1752.
9. LYDIA, b. Sept. 6, 1753, d. unm.





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10. LUCY, b. Dec. 6, 1754, d. unm.
11. REBECCA, b. Feb. 22, 1756, d. April 15, 1759.
12. AMARIAH, b. Sept. 18, 1757, m. twice, and d. Millbury.
13. REBECCA, b. April 26, 1759, m. — Smith, rev. to Montpelier, Vt.
14. JOSEPH, b. April 28, 1761.
15. ELIZABETH, b. April 19, 1763, d. March 13, 1764.
16. MOSES, b. April 8, 1765.

- 1-6 EPHRAIM BRIGHAM, (Aaron, Thomas, Nathan, Thomas, Thomas), b. March 2, 1746, m. Sarah——, and had children,  
 1. AARON, b. March 29, 1771. 2. BETTY, b. Feb. 26, 1773.

EZEKIEL BRIGHAM, (Thomas, Nathan, Thomas, Thomas), b. Feb. 14, 1723, m. Martha Bigelow, b. 1725, d. Aug. 1. 1764; m. 2nd, Melicent Sherman. She d. at the age of seventy. He d. April 4, 1788. Children,  
 1. ABNER, b. Feb. 19, 1750, m. Molly Emerson, and rev. to Hartland, Vt.  
 2. MARTHA, b. April 23, 1753, m. Benjamin Leland (L).  
 2 3. EZEKIEL, b. March 30, 1755, m. Patience Gowing.  
 4. ISAAC, b. May 30, 1757, m. Betsey Frost, d. in Milford.  
 5. JOHN, b. July 3, 1759, d. at Oxford, Nov. 25, 1839, unm.  
 6. MIRIAM, b. March 10, 1761, m. Joseph Gallop, rev. to Melbourne, Ca.  
 7. HULDAH, b. Dec. 1, 1762, m. Moses Rockwood.  
 8. SARAH, b. Aug. 23, 1766, m. Aaron Hall, rev. to Weathersfield, Vt.  
 9. JACOB, b. Dec. 6, 1769, m. Polly Dudley, rev. to Redding, Vt.  
 10. MILLICENT, b. Dec. 26, 1771, d. 1814, in Weathersfield, Vt.  
 11. LYDIA, b. Sept. 29, 1774, m. Isaac Stone, rev. to Ward (Auburn).  
 12. ANNA, b. Aug. 27, 1776, d. April, 1847, unm. in Oxford.

- 2-3 LIEUT. EZEKIEL BRIGHAM, (Ezekiel, Thomas, Nathan, Thomas, Thomas), b. March 30, 1755, m. Feb. 5, 1783-4, Patience Gowing, d. Nov. 5, 1834. He d. Dec. 14, 1828. Children,  
 1. MARTIN G., b. Feb. 22, 1784, d. April 14, 1790.  
 2. BETSEY, b. July 6, 1785, d. April 10, 1838, unm.  
 3. POLLY, b. April 23, 1787, m. John Hurd, res. Oxford.  
 4. EZEKIEL, b. Feb. 18, 1789, m. Susan Goulding (G), s. p.  
 5. OLIVER M., b. Dec. 24, 1793, d. unm. Feb. 28, 1861.  
 6. ABIJAH, b. Aug. 20, 1795, d. March 10, 1813.  
 7. DIADAMIA, b. July 27, 1801, unm.

CHARLES BRIGHAM, Esq., (Capt. Samuel, Thomas), b. Dec. 30, 1700, m. Mary Peters, b. 1716, d. Feb. 19, 1797. He appears to have disposed of his lands in Marlborough, and to have settled in Grafton, of which he became, in 1727, one of the forty proprietors, under the sanction of the General Court. He become one of the most able and distinguished of our citizens, held the most important town offices, and was at one time our Representative to the General Court. He was appointed by the Royal Governor a magistrate, an office, in his day, of very great dignity, and sparingly bestowed. He settled upon "Brigham Hill," on a rich tract of land, lately the country residence of William Brigham, Esq., of Boston, which still retains marks of his judgment and taste. A magnificent Elm,\* which he planted about 1745, shows but very few signs of decay. He d. March 17, 1781. Children,  
 1. CHARLES, b. Oct. 29, 1732, d. Jan. 20, 1755.  
 2. DANIEL, b. April 28, 1735, d. at Crown Point, N. Y., a soldier, in 1759.

- 3 3. WILLIAM, b. March 26, 1739, m. Sarah Prentice.

\* See Heliotype.

4. MARY, b. Dec. 12, 1740, m. Moses Parks.
5. SARAH, b. Apr. 19, 1743, m. Moses Leland (L).
6. ANNA, b. Mar. 18, 1745, m. Samuel Harrington and Henry Prentice (P).
7. TIMOTHY, b. Nov. 23, 1747, d. Feb. 9, 1748.
8. PERSIS, b. Jan. 4, 1755, m. Noah B. Kimball (K).
9. ELIZABETH, m. Nahum Warren (W).

ANTIPAS BRIGHAM, (Capt. Samuel, Thomas), b. Oct. 16, 1706. He d. in Grafton, Apr. 23, 1746, unm. He was less distinguished than his brothers. At his death he left a house, and farm of 260 acres.

- 3-3 WILLIAM BRIGHAM, Esq., (Charles, Capt. Samuel, Thomas), b. Mar. 26, 1739, m. July 21, 1768, Sarah Prentice (P), b. 1744, d. Feb. 2, 1834. He d. Aug. 1, 1833.

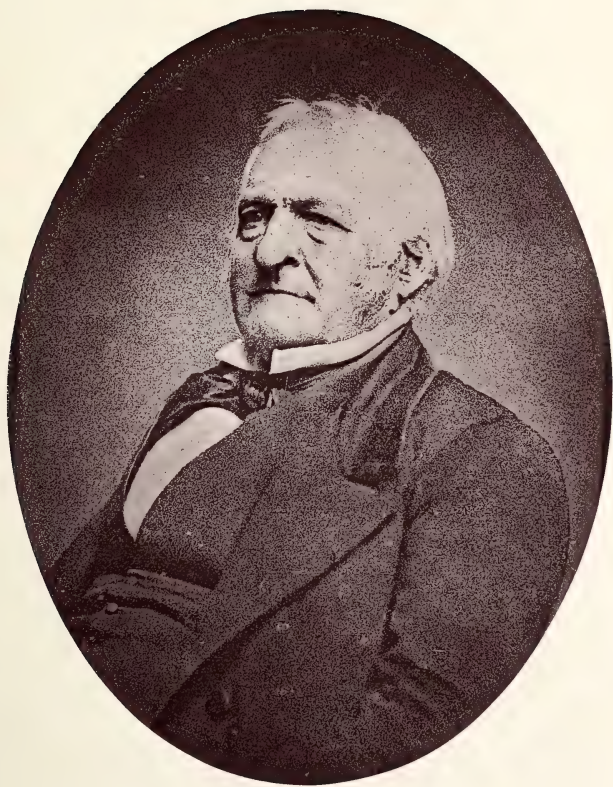
He inherited the homestead at Grafton, which, in his father's day, embraced nearly or quite the whole tract still known as "Brigham Hill." He was a well educated man for his time, and a "great reader," but had no taste for public office or employment. His intelligence and standing secured him the offer of a Justice's commission, then a great honor, which he declined. In his person he was tall, straight, and eminently muscular, which, I am satisfied from various sources, must have been the original type of the race. Such was his agility that he was wont "to jump over fences five feet and even six feet high, without touching hand or foot; and when ninety years old he would rather walk than ride one or two miles, and would perform it nearly as soon as a boy." His health and tenacity of life were wonderful. He never took medicine and so escaped death at the doctor's hand, until his ninety-fifth year, when he died with old age.

Mrs. Sarah Brigham, daughter of Rev. Solomon Prentice, was a very active and energetic woman. After the death of her sister's (Mary) husband, who was left with a family on a small place in Hull, nearly ruined by the war and consequent heavy taxes, and depreciation of Continental notes, of which they had a large amount, Sarah Brigham started alone from Grafton, on horseback, to visit her sister in Hull, a journey of over sixty miles, stopped one night with her friends in Easton, and arrived in Hull next day. On her return she took a girl with her, tying her behind her on a pillion, stopped over night again at Easton, and reached here the second night by moonlight. Children,

- 4 1. CHARLES, b. July 27, 1769, m. Susannah Baylis.
2. SUSANNAH, b. Nov. 27, 1770, m. Ephraim Goulding (G).
3. SOLOMON, b. Nov. 26, 1772, m. Lucy Adams, and d. June 7, 1817.
4. SALLY, b. Sept. 12, 1780, m. Benjamin Kingsbury (K) and Jeremiah Flagg (F).
5. PERSIS, b. Aug. 4, 1786, m. Leonard Wheelock (W).

- 4-1 CAPT. CHARLES BRIGHAM, (William, Charles, Samuel, Thomas), b. July 27, 1769, m. Oct. 20, 1797, Susannah Baylis, dau. of Dea. Nicholas Baylis, and sister of Hon. Nicholas Baylis, Jr., some time judge of the Supreme Court of Vermont. She was b. 1779, d. June 10, 1837. He d. 1847.

He inherited the old homestead on "Brigham Hill," inherited an excellent constitution, lived in the discharge of the duties of a citizen until seventy-eight years of age, and died with almost his first sickness. Charles Brigham was appointed fourth sergeant in Jonathan Wheeler's Foot Company in the Second Regiment, Second Brigade, and Seventh



CAPT. CHARLES BRIGHAM.





Division, Sept. 18th, 1792. He resigned his commission as captain, Jan. 20th, 1809. Children,

- 5 1. CHARLES, b. May 22, 1799, m. Annah E. Brigham.
2. SUSANNAH B., b. Feb. 13, 1802, d. Mar. 5, 1804.
3. SUSANNAH B., b. May 24, 1804, m. Dr. Josiah Kitteridge, res. South Hadley, s. p.
- 6 4. WILLIAM, b. Sept. 26, 1806, m. Margaret A. Brooks.
5. NICHOLAS H., b. Oct. 2, 1808, m. Dec. 20, 1838, Sarah E. Wood (W). They res. in New York city, s. p.
6. SOLOMON, b. Nov. 12, 1810, d. Oct. 8, 1841, unm.
7. HANNAH, b. Mar. 11, 1813, m. Rev. Stillman Pratt.
8. SARAH, b. May 7, 1815, m. Rev. Charles B. Kitteridge, and res. in Geneseo, N. Y.
9. LUCY A., b. July 25, 1817, m. Francis Merrifield.
10. MARIA C., b. Jan. 26, 1820, m. William T. Merrifield, Esq.
11. CORNELIA A., b. Nov. 17, 1823, m. Calvin Taft, res. Worcester.

- 5-1 COL. CHARLES BRIGHAM, (Charles, William, Charles, Samuel, Thomas), b. May 22, 1799, m. Annah E. Brigham, dau. of Capt. Pierpont Brigham, of Westborough.

He was a farmer on a tract of land belonging to his ancestors' domain. He was often engaged in surveying land, settling estates, writing wills, deeds, etc., and in doing town business. He died much respected. Children,

1. JOSEPHINE M., b. Aug. 1, 1827, d. Nov. 16, 1853.
2. ELLEN A., b. June 25, 1829, d. Feb. 4, 1832.
3. CHARLES P., b. July 10, 1831, d. Feb. 13, 1832.
4. SARAH P., b. Jan. 22, 1833, unm.
5. ANNAH E., b. Mar. 6, 1835, m. Hon. Jonathan H. Wood (W).
6. SUSAN B., b. May 24, 1837, m. William F. Merrifield, res. Worcester.
7. AUGUSTA L., b. Feb. 7, 1841, unm.
8. MARY E., b. Oct. 31, 1844, unm.

- 6-4 WILLIAM BRIGHAM, Esq., (Charles, William, Charles, Samuel, Thomas), b. Sept. 26, 1806, m. June 11, 1840, Margaret A. Brooks, b. July 6, 1817.

William Brigham fitted for college at the Leicester Academy, in a single year, generally passing his Sundays at home, and always walking the twelve miles between the two places. He was a diligent student at Harvard, held a good rank in his class, and obtained various appointments at exhibitions and commencement. After graduation, in 1829, he read law with Hon. George Morey, of Boston, was admitted to the Suffolk Bar in 1832, and soon had a sufficient amount of professional employment. Later, on motion of Hon. Daniel Webster, he was admitted to the United States Supreme Court. He was a representative from Boston in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, in the years 1834, 1835, 1836, 1841, 1849, and in the Senate in 1866. April 29, 1835, he delivered the centennial address at Grafton; this was published, and gives evidence of thorough research in the town history, as well as accuracy of statement, a quality for which he was distinguished in after life. In 1836 he was selected by Governor Everett to compile and edit the laws of Plymouth Colony, published the same year. With a strong interest in the welfare of his fellow-citizens as in the prosperity of his country, he carefully abstained from the allurements of political office, so generally fatal in this country to a man's private character, and confined himself to an earnest and eloquent advocacy of all good public

measures. In this way he was always an anti-slavery man, even when it was the unpopular cause, and when he stood at his office window in Court street, in company with several well-known citizens, and saw the iniquitous proceedings when the Court-house was guarded by an armed force to ensure the rendition of a fugitive slave, he expressed himself with sorrow, not unmingled with bitterness. One of the cartridges (loaded with a bullet and three buckshot) served to the troops that day he kept as a token of that wickedness. He was one of the founders of the Republican party.

Agricultural pursuits, from their connection with his childhood and early youth, had great attraction for him, and for many years before his death he lived on the homestead at Grafton, during the summer, and actively directed all farming and horticultural labors. Several of his addresses before agricultural societies have been published.

The demands of his professional life made careful and extensive reading almost a part of his nature, and the results sometimes appeared in reviews of books in the *North American Review* and *Christian Examiner*. His knowledge of the early history of Massachusetts was accurate and extensive, and in 1853 he was chosen a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, of which he was one of the most useful and valuable members. A lecture by him, delivered the 19th of January, 1869, on the Colony of New Plymouth and its relations to Massachusetts,—one of a course before the Lowell Institute, by members of the Historical Society, and published in a volume called "Massachusetts and Its Early History,"—is highly creditable both to his research and insight.

June 11, 1840, he married Margaret Austin Brooks (born July 6, 1817), daughter of Isaac Brooks and Mary Austin, of Charlestown.

As a lawyer, his practice was large. He was a safe adviser, and enjoyed in a high degree the confidence and attachment of his clients. Often was he able by his kind, honest and yet plain talk, to dissuade his clients from long and expensive litigation, and he always, when possible, strove to prevent aggravating lawsuits, but when this could not be done he gave the whole power of his legal knowledge to his client's cause. A man of kindly spirit, the friend as well as father of his children, of simple and pleasing manners, he yet worked too hard, and at the moment when it seemed possible for him to relax his labors, when he was on the point of relinquishing his practice, and devoting his attention to the care of the many and large trust estates in his hands, he was stricken with his fatal illness, the first of his life, and he died July 9, 1869. His remains rest in Mount Auburn.

William Brigham inherited, in a marked degree, the physical characteristics of his race. Tall (six feet and two inches), well-knit, and finely proportioned, he was said to resemble the grandfather for whom he was named, and like him he put little faith in doctors, of whose services he had indeed little need, as his pure, temperate life, uninfamed by alcohol, unstinted by tobacco, was singularly free from bodily ills of any kind, and the strong vitality he inherited from his ancestors he transmitted undiminished to his children.

Pure, unselfish, just, wise, cautious yet vigorous, kind and devoted, was this man's life. Children,

#### 1. WILLIAM T., b. May 24, 1841.

Fitted for college at the Boston Latin School, and graduated at Harvard in 1862. In 1864-5, in company with the late Horace Mann, he made a scientific exploration of the Hawaiian Islands, discovering many new species of plants. He was professor of Natural Sciences at



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Oahu College, resigning in Oct., 1865, to continue his explorations in China and India. Sept., 1867, he was admitted to the bar. In 1868-9, was Instructor in Botany at Harvard University. Served six years on the Boston School Board, where he introduced systematic instruction in drawing, and was first chairman of the drawing committee. Is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, California Academy of Sciences, Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences, etc. Is engaged in the practice of law in Boston.

- 7 2. CHARLES B., b. Jan. 17, 1845, gr. Harvard University, 1866.
- 8 3. EDWARD A., b. Feb. 23, 1846, m. Annie DeW. Bartlett.
4. MARY B., b. Dec. 26, 1851, m. McPherson LeMoyné, of Montreal.
5. Arthur A., b. Jan. 8, 1857. Studied at the Boston Latin and Chauncy Hall Schools and Institute of Technology. He has sought a practical knowledge of mill engineering, in various mills in New England, and is now in business with his brother Edward.

- 7-2 CHARLES BROOKS BRIGHAM, (William, Charles, William, Charles, Samuel, Thomas), b. Jan. 17, 1845, m. April, 1879, Alice W. Babcock, of San Francisco. He graduated at Harvard University in 1866. Studied anatomy with Prof. Jeffries Wyman, until November, 1866, when he entered the Harvard Medical School. In April, 1869, he was appointed house surgeon to the city hospital, Boston. Obtained his medical degree in 1870, and continued his studies in Europe. In August, 1870, he was chosen surgeon-in-chief of the "Ambulance Internationale Française de l'Ecole Forestière de Nancy," a position he held during the seven months of the Franco-Prussian war. President Thiers decorated him with the "Legion of Honor," and the Emperor of Germany with the "Iron Cross," in consideration of his distinguished services as a surgeon. He has also been presented with the cross of the "Internationale Society," and with a diploma for exceptional services during the war. He has published a number of surgical cases both in French and English. In 1872, he removed to San Francisco, Cal., where he was elected surgeon to the French hospital.

- 8-3 EDWARD AUSTIN BRIGHAM, (William, Charles, William, Charles, Samuel, Thomas), b. Feb. 23, 1846, m. April 5, 1876, Anne DeWolf Bartlett. He studied at the Boston Latin School. Went into the store of Geo. C. Richardson & Co., commission merchants, and in 1868, went to Lewiston, Me., to learn in the mills cotton spinning. After three years careful study and practice in these mills, he went to Europe to examine mills, and was appointed agent in this country for William Higgins & Co., manufacturers of cotton machinery in Manchester, Eng. In 1875, he was sent by an English company to Samnugger, near Calcutta, in India, to build and fit up a large cotton mill. Ch.,
1. CAROLINE W., b. May 21, 1877.

ELISHA BRIGHAM, (Thomas, Nathan, Thomas, Thomas), b. Nov. 25, 1726, m. Sarah ———. She "very aged." Children,

1. ELISHA, b. April 12, 1758, d. Feb. 28, 1776.
2. CHARLES, b. Oct. 9, 1761, d. Aug. 6, 1776.
3. SARAH, b. April 19, 1767, m. Apr. 18, 1782, Zebulon Daniels, b. in Medway, 1758, d. Feb. 14, 1825. She d. June 6, 1826. Children,
  1. *Lusny*, b. May 2, 1783, m. P. Parker, and d. in 1825.
  2. *Otis*, b. Sept. 28, 1786, d. 1869.
  3. *Phileas*, b. Sept. 30, 1788, d. 1878.
  4. *Emory*, b. Mar. 10, 1792, m. Mary Hastings, and d. in Ohio in 1851.



5. *Sarah*, b. Mar. 27, 1796, m. A. Crosby, and d. Sept. 6, 1870.
6. *Charles*, b. Aug. 16, 1798, m. Eliza Hastings. He d. Sept. 11, 1874. Children,  
     *Horace*, b. Mar. 15, 1823, m. Metilda Card, d. Jan., 1876. He res. in Rhode Island, where he was General in the militia; d. Dec., 1876.
- Lewis*, b. Sept. 19, 1824, m. 1849, Alice Buswell.
- Henry*, b. Apr. 22, 1826, m. H. L. Braman. Res. Troy, N. Y.
- Joseph*, b. June 11, 1827, m. Martha F. Leland and S. M. Hall.
- Louisa*, b. Aug. 20, 1829, m. Charles Taft.
- Elisha*, b. Oct. 13, 1830, m. Hannah Wood.
- Mary*, b. May 27, 1832, m. Sumner Fifield.
- Martha*, b. June 15, 1834.
- Aaron*, b. Feb. 26, 1836, m. Mary J. Bowman.
- Lucy*, b. May 22, 1839. *Marcus*, b. May 30, 1842, m. J. M. Carr.
7. *Nancy*, b. Feb. 26, 1801, d. Oct. 10, 1834.
8. *John*, b. Nov. 22, 1806, m. Nancy Chase.
4. *MOLLY*, b. March 18, 1769, d. Aug. 29, 1823, unm.

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*JABEZ BRIGHAM*, (Benajah, Benjamin, Dr. Gershom, Thomas, Thomas), b. March 12, 1781, m. Jan. 1799, Sophia Hunt, b. 1782, d. Feb. 6, 1837; m. 2nd, 1849, Phila Wheeler. He was by trade a mason. He rev. to Bangor, Me., where he built the first brick edifice in that city. Children,

1. *FRANCIS*, b. Feb. 22, 1800, d. Sept. 13, 1819.
  2. *MARY A.*, b. Dec. 29, 1801, m. Robert Prentice.
  3. *JABEZ*, b. Aug. 29, 1804, d. Aug. 26, 1805.
  4. *SOPHIA*, b. June 7, 1806, m. Daniel Wheelock (W).
  5. *ABIGAIL D.*, b. Oct. 24, 1807, m. Ezra R. Pratt.
  6. *PHEBE*, b. Aug. 2, 1810, m. William Holden.
  7. *JABEZ*, b. March 7, 1813, d. March, 1839, s. p.
  8. *WARREN*, b. March 24, 1815, m. Persis Carlton.
  9. *EMELINE F.*, b. March 7, 1820, m. Andrew Holden.
  10. *SARAH E.*, m. James Allen.
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### BRIMBLECOM.

*REV. SAMUEL BRIMBLECOM*, was born in Lynn, Essex County, Mass., Feb. 11, 1799, the son of Samuel and Mary (Mansfield) Brimblecom. He was graduated at Harvard University in the class of 1817, and studied Theology at the Divinity School in Cambridge, from which institution he graduated. He was first settled over the Unitarian Society in Sharon, Mass., and afterwards at Norridgewock, Me., from which place he removed to Westbrook, Me., where he was pastor of the Universalist Society. While here he took an active and leading part in the establishment of the Westbrook Seminary, which became a thriving institution of the Universalist denomination. He was afterwards settled over the Universalist Societies in Danvers, and Barre, Mass. He resided here in 1847 and afterwards. He married October 22, 1822, Harriet Buttrick. She was born in Concord, August 27, 1798, the daughter of Col. Jonas and Lucy (Mason) Buttrick, and granddaughter of Major John Buttrick, who commanded the militia companies which made the first attack upon the British troops at Concord North Bridge, April 19, 1775, and who gave the first official command to fire upon the British in the Revolutionary war. The following is taken from an inscription on a cannon in Doric Hall, in the State House: "The Legislature of Massachusetts consecrate the names of Maj. Buttrick

and Capt. Isaac Davis, whose valor and example incited their fellow-citizens to a successful resistance of a superior number of British troops at Concord Bridge, April 19, 1775, which was the beginning of a contest in arms that ended in American Independence." She inherited the spirit of her ancestors, with their integrity of character. She died in Santa Clara, Cal., in 1878. Children,

1. SAMUEL A., b. Nov. 2, 1823, m. Sarah Holden, res. Santa Clara, Cal.
2. CHARLES, b. Feb. 10, 1825, studied law with W. A. Bryant, Esq., of Barre, and admitted to the bar in 1848, m. Harriet C. Houghton, dau. of Luke Houghton, of Barre, where he has since resided and practised his profession.
3. FREDERICK, b. Jan. 21, 1827, m. Abby Harrington, res. Ill.
4. FRANCES A., b. Aug. 1, 1828, unm., res. Cal.
5. EDWARD, b. June 13, 1830, unm., res. Cal.
6. WILLIAM, b. Feb. 1, 1832, unm., res. Ill.
7. Henry, b. Feb. 8, 1834, m. Anna Huntington. He was graduated at Dartmouth College, in 1869, and at once began the study of law, which he relinquished and removed to Ill.
8. JAMES L., b. March 16, 1836, d. young.
9. ALBERT G., b. April 20, 1838, m. and res. in Nebraska.
10. LUCY A., b. Jan. 21, 1840, unm. res. in Cal.  
Ch. by second wife,
11. ELLEN, b. Aug. 20, 1858, d. young.
12. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 8, 1860, d. young.
13. JOHN, b. Sept. 12, 1861.

## BROOKS.

THOMAS BROOKS first settled in Watertown, and was one of the "townsmen then inhabiting," to whom the Beaver Brook plowlands were granted in 1636. He was admitted freeman Dec. 7, 1636. He rev. to Concord, where he was captain, and he received various other appointments of honor and trust. He was constable, appointed by the General Court, and Representative in 1642, '43, '44, and from 1650 to '54.

EBENEZER BROOKS, (Noah, Dea. Joshua, Thomas), b. Feb. 14, 1690, m. June 17, 1714, Sarah Fletcher, of Concord. He d. 1770. Children,

1. NOAH, b. Sept. 25, 1715. 2. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 13, 1717.
3. SIMON, m. Rachel ———.
4. JOEL, b. July 25, 1721.
5. PETER, m. Rebecca ———. He had five daughters.

1-3 SIMON BROOKS, (Ebenezer, Noah, Dea. Joshua, Thomas), m. Rachel ———, and had children,

1. SIMON, b. Aug. 22, 1748. 2. RACHEL, b. Dec. 18, 1752, d. Feb. 1, 1753.
3. BENJAMIN C., b. March 19, 1755, d. Dec. 9, 1759.
4. JOHN, b. Aug. 11, 1757. 5. JONAH, b. June 25, 1759, d. July 22, 1759.
6. DOROTHY, b. June 12, 1760. 7. METTEY, b. Dec. 27, 1762.
8. BENJAMIN, b. March 10, 1765. 9. JONAH, b. Aug. 16, 1767.
10. LUCY, b. Oct. 26, 1769. 11. SARAH, b. Sept. 9, 1771.
12. THOMAS D., b. Aug. 5, 1774.

2-4 JOEL BROOKS, (Ebenezer, Noah, Dea. Joshua, Thomas), b. July 25, 1721. Children,

1. SARAH, b. Aug. 14, 1744, d. March 13, 1779.
2. MARY, b. Feb. 8, 1746, d. Nov. 2, 1752.

3. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 13, 1748.
  4. PETER. 5. MARTHA, b. April 11, 1750, d. June 30, 1806.
  6. LUCY, b. July 21, 1752, d. Jan. 13, 1818.
  7. MARY, b. Feb. 4, 1755, m. Rev. Joseph Farrer, and rev. to Petersham, where she d. Oct. 24, 1855, over 100 years old.
  - 4 8. ELIJAH, b. Jan. 21, 1757, m. May Hall.
  9. JOEL, b. Feb. 19, 1760, rev. to Petersham.
  - 5 10. AARON, b. July 27, 1762, m. Sally ———.
  11. LYDIA, b. Aug. 5, 1764.
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- 3-5 PETER BROOKS, (Ebenezer, Noah, Dea. Joshua, Thomas), m. Rebecca ———. He d. Jan. 26, 1779. Children,
  - 6 1. SOLOMON, b. May 5, 1754, m. Lois ———.
  2. REBECCA, b. Feb. 16, 1756. 3. HANNAH, b. July 13, 1758.
  4. EBENEZER, b. Jan. 26, 1763. 5. SARAH, b. Oct. 3, 1765.
  6. EPHRAIM, b. Jan. 9, 1768, d. Aug. 27, 1847. His widow, Azubah ———, d. Dec. 27, 1848.
  7. MOLLY, b. Feb. 10, 1770. 8. PETER, b. Feb. 27, 1772.
  9. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 14, 1776.
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- 4-8 ELIJAH BROOKS, (Joel, Ebenezer, Noah, Dea. Joshua, Thomas), b. Jan. 21, 1757, m. Mary Hall, b. 1761, d. July 21, 1828. He d. Nov. 18, 1843, of quick consumption. Children,
  1. POLLY, b. Sept. 10, 1787, m. Joel Knowlton.
  - 7 2. JOEL, b. July 21, 1789, m. Fanny Bennett.
  3. SARAH, b. Oct. 5, 1792, m. Abner Stow.
  4. BETSEY, b. May 24, 1798, m. John Barker.
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- 7-2 JOEL BROOKS, (Elijah, Joel, Ebenezer, Noah, Dea. Joshua, Thomas), b. July 21, 1789, m. May 13, 1813, Fannie Bennett, b. Jan. 14, 1793, d. Feb. 8, 1860. He d. Oct. 7, 1828. Children,
  1. SALLY, b. Mar. 19, 1815, d. Nov. 10, 1824.
  2. NANCY, b. Sept. 6, 1818, m. Kendrick Hunt and Samuel B. Dolliver.
  - 8 3. ELIJAH B., b. Feb. 21, 1820, m. Emeline Stratton.
  4. MARY H., b. June 11, 1822, d. Aug. 30, 1827.
  5. JOHN T., b. Oct. 8, 1825, m. Augusta Hunt.
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- 5-10 AARON BROOKS, (Joel, Ebenezer, Noah, Dea. Joshua, Thomas), b. July 27, 1762, m. Sally ———. Ch.,
  1. OLIVER, b. Apr. 12, 1790.
  - He had three other children b. in Petersham.
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- 6-1 SOLOMON BROOKS, (Peter, Ebenezer, Noah, Dea. Joshua, Thomas), b. May 5, 1754, m. Lois ———. Ch.,
  1. DANIEL, b. Oct. 1, 1778.
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- 8-3 ELIJAH B. BROOKS, (Joel, Elijah, Joel, Ebenezer, Noah, Dea. Joshua, Thomas), b. Feb. 20, 1820, m. Emeline Stratton, b. Oct. 17, 1821. He d. June 25, 1879. Children,
  1. GEORGE F., b. June 16, 1843, d. July 7, 1845.
  2. HENRY E., b. Mar. 29, 1845, m. Irenena Humes.
  3. ELIJAH, b. Sept. 26, 1847, d. Oct. 13, 1847.
  4. GEORGE B., b. Apr. 21, 1849, unm.
  5. MARY L., b. Aug. 18, 1853, m. Alfred Lowell.
  6. SUSAN M., b. Jan. 11, 1856, m. Dean W. Macker.

AUGUSTUS W. BROOKS, (Jonathan, of Upton), b. June 4, 1826, m. Aug. 27, 1845, Sarah J. Hatch. He d. Feb. 20, 1852. Ch.

1. SARAH A., b. Oct. 15, 1848.

## BROWNE.

ABRAHAM BROWNE, the ancestor of this family, was a very early settler at Watertown, perhaps one of the first, as he was admitted a freeman Mar. 6, 1631. He was land surveyor, and from the early records of the town was an important person, and more trusts were conferred upon him than upon any other man. He was selectman from 1636 to 1643, inclusive. He was one of the seven appointed to divide every man "his propriety."

LIEUT. ABRAHAM BROWN, (Jonathan, Capt. Abraham, Jonathan, Abraham), b. Nov. 23, 1726, m. Apr. 25, 1753, Mary Livermore, b. Sept. 5, 1731. (Oliver, Daniel, Samuel, John). He res. in Watertown, and was dismissed to the church in Grafton in 1764, and rev. later to Alstead, N. H. Children b. in Grafton,

7. ELIZABETH, b. July 27, 1765, d. Sept. 17, 1767.

8. SAMUEL, b. June 30, 1767, m. Abigail Pike, of Cornish, N. H., rev. to Danville, Vt.

9. OLIVER, b. Sept. 21, 1769.

10. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 24, 1773, d. Jan. 26, 1786.

He had ten children; the first six were b. in Watertown. His eldest son, Abraham, Jr., m. Lucy Goulding, dau. of Colonel Goulding, b. Dec. 22, 1756, d. Sept. 2, 1819. They rev. to Alstead, N. H.

CLARK BROWN, (Jonas), b. Aug. 13, 1773, m. 1797, Sally Sherman (S); m. 2nd, July 27, 1829, Julia Dupee. He d. Nov. 23, 1844. Children,

1. JOHN S., b. Nov. 17, 1798, d. in Sutton, Feb. 17, 1844.

2. SALLY S., b. Aug. 27, 1800, m. Capt. Jonathan Warren (W).

3. CLARK J., b. Dec. 27, 1802, d. Jan. 20, 1839.

2 4. HORACE P., b. Mar. 13, 1805, m. Eliza J. Whitney.

1 5. DAVID W., b. July 12, 1807, m. Abigail Sloane.

6. SUSAN G., b. July 11, 1809, m. Jared Williams. Res. Pomfret, Ct.

7. NANCY H., b. Jan. 5, 1812, d. Mar. 12, 1818.

8. HANNAH W., b. Mar. 26, 1814, m. George A. Dresser. Res. Pomfret, Ct.

9. MARTHA P., and 10. MARY P., twins, b. July 23, 1816.

11. JOSEPH G., b. Feb. 19, 1821, d. unm.

12. CHARLES P., b. Aug. 30, 1823, m. Melissa Sloane.

13. JONAS F., b. Apr. 23, 1830, m. Emma Stevens. Res. Minnesota.

14. SMITH D. D., b. Nov. 27, 1831. Res. Kentucky.

15. SOPHRONIA M., b. May 28, 1833, m. Alvan Colvin. Res. Holden.

16. IRA, m. Henrietta C. V. Buckley, res. Philadelphia; and 17. ARMENIA, m. James Gee, res. Philadelphia; twins, b. May 3, 1837.

18. CLARK, b. Apr. 27, 1839, d. July 20, 1839.

19. ALVIRA H., b. Oct. 29, 1840, m. ——— Thomas. Res. Brattleboro.

20. CLARK H., b. Apr. 23, 1843, d., unm.

1-5 DAVID W. BROWN, (Clark), b. July 12, 1807, m. Oct. 19, 1834, Abigail Sloane. Children,

1. DANIEL C., b. Oct. 26, 1837. Res. Binghamton, N. Y.

2. MARTHA J., b. Nov. 1, 1839. 3. HANNAH, b. Mar. 19, 1843.



- 2-4 | HORACE P. BROWN, (Clark, Jonas), b. Mar. 13, 1805, m. May 27, 1832, Eliza J. Whitney, b. 1812, d. Feb. 25, 1873. Children,  
 1. SARAH J., b. Oct. 12, 1833, unm.  
 2. HORACE C., b. May 21, 1836, m. Annie Kenney. Res. Attleboro.  
 3. HENRY A., b. June 18, 1838, d. Oct. 10, 1838.  
 4. MARY A., b. Jan. 19, 1840, d. June 9, 1843.  
 3 5. JOHN A., b. Aug. 14, 1851, m. Agnes Crober.

- 3-5 | JOHN A. BROWN, (Horace P., Clark, Jonas), b. Aug. 14, 1851, m. Sept. 18, 1874, Agnes Crober, b. Oct. 31, 1851. Children,  
 1. ARTHUR C., b. Sept. 12, 1875. 2. GEORGE H., b. Feb. 13, 1877.

LEONARD BROWN, by wife Susan, had,

1. ALISON S., b. Jan. 7, 1845. 2. AMELIA W., b. Oct. 31, 1846.

ANDREW BROWN, by wife Hannah, had,

1. DARDANA, b. Aug. 10, 1783. 2. LUCINDA, b. Mar. 27, 1786.

### BRUCE.

GEORGE BRUSH, (whose descendants have long since spelt their name Bruce), is said to have been a Scotchman. He m. Elizabeth Clark, and resided in Woburn. His son resided in Mendon.

JOSEPH BRUCE, from Mendon, (George, George), b. 1729, m. Elizabeth ———, b. 1728, d. Mar. 9, 1810. He d. May 15, 1799. Ch.,

- 1 1. SIMON, b. 1750, m. Sarah Whipple.  
 1-1 SIMON BRUCE. (Joseph, George, George), b. 1750, m. Jan. 14, 1787, Sarah Whipple (W), d. Oct. 27, 1817. He d. Mar. 20, 1796. Children,  
 2 1. JOSEPH, b. Mar. 13, 1790, m. Harriet Fay.  
 2. ELIZA, b. Aug. 21, 1792, m. William Eager, rev. to Boston.  
 3. SARAH, b. Sept. 1, 1794, m. Hon. Samuel Wood (W).

- 2-1 HON. JOSEPH BRUCE, (Simon, Joseph, George, George), b. Mar. 13, 1790, m. Nov. 23, 1813, Harriet Fay (F), b. Oct. 22, 1793, d. May 20, 1847.

He resided on the old place occupied by his father and grandfather, and is now in his 90th year, retaining all his faculties. He has been one of the prominent citizens of the town, was at one time a member of the Board of County Commissioners, and also a representative to the General Court. Children,

1. SARAH W., b. Apr. 4, 1815, m. John M. Davenport.  
 3 2. WILLIAM S., b. May 20, 1817, m. Friendly Wood and A. S. Flagg.  
 3. HARRIET F., b. Aug. 3, 1819, m. John Whitney (W).  
 4. ELIZABETH E., b. July, 1822, m. William C. Tenney.  
 5. JOSEPH E., b. Oct. 6, 1835, d. Dec. 22, 1846.  
 6. DELIA A., b. Nov. 16, 1828, m. D. Webster Norcross.\*

\* DANIEL WEBSTER NORCROSS, (Otis, Daniel, Peter, Richard, Richard, Jeremiah), b. Aug. 17, 1826, m. Mar. 24, 1853, Delia A. Bruce. Children,

1. WEBSTER, b. Apr. 9, 1855. Res. San Antonio, Texas.  
 2. CLARA G., b. May 18, 1858. 3. HARRY B., b. Dec. 25, 1860.  
 4. JOSEPH E., b. Sept. 6, 1862.





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- 3-2 WILLIAM S. BRUCE, (Joseph, Simon, Joseph, George, George), b. May 20, 1817, m. Friendly Wood, and 2nd, A. S. Flagg.

He died in his barn while in the act of milking. His widow resides in Dayville, Ct. Children,

1. GEORGE E., b. Mar. 19, 1842, m. Emily Allen, and resided in Boston.
2. HARRIET F., b. Mar. 15, 1844, m. George W. Peters, and res. in Farnumsville.

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CHARLES BRUCE, by wife Martha, had,

1. ABNER, b. May 6, 1754.
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### CHILD.

DEA. EPHRAIM CHILD came to America in 1630; was admitted freeman May 18, 1631, and was probably one of the first deacons of the Watertown Church. He was Representative twelve years, Selectman fifteen years, and Town Clerk a number of years. He repeatedly received important appointments from the General Court. He d. Feb. 13, 1662, aged 70.

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JONATHAN CHILD, (John, John, Ephraim [?]), b. in Watertown, Apr. 26, 1696, pub. Oct. 5, 1729, Abigail Parker, d. Mar. 3, 1756. Children,

1. JOSIAH, b. Oct. 17, 1730, m. Elizabeth Ball.
  2. ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 28, 1732. 3. ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 28, 1735.
  4. JONATHAN, b. Feb. 14, 1737, m. Apr. 16, 1767, Eunice Smith.
  5. RUTH, b. Oct. 2, 1740.
  2. 6. SOLOMON, b. Jan. 31, 1743, m. Martha Rice.
  7. SARAH, b. Aug. 13, 1746, m. Daniel Rice.
  8. JOSEPH, b. Jan. 29, 1753.
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- 1-1 JOSIAH CHILD, (Jonathan, John, John, Ephraim), b. Oct. 17, 1730, m. Apr. 24, 1755, Elizabeth Ball. Children,

1. ABIGAIL, b. May 3, 1756. 2. STEPHEN, b. Oct. 18, 1757.
  3. ELIZABETH, b. June 21, 1759.
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- 2-6 SOLOMON CHILD, (Jonathan, John, John, Ephraim), b. Jan. 31, 1743, m. Apr. 16, 1767, Martha Rice, b. Oct. 1, 1747, in Westborough. Ch.,
1. ELIJAH, b. Oct. 10, 1768.
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EPHRAIM CHILD, of Westborough, m. Nov. 6, 1794, Katy Whitney, and had,

1. LUCY, b. May 27, 1797. 2. HANNAH, b. Oct. 16, 1798.
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### CLARK.

This name is one of great antiquity, having been used in Great Britain in the 11th century. HUGH CLARK was the ancestor, and settled in Watertown; b. 1613, d. July 20, 1693.

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JEREMIAH NORCROSS, the ancestor, settled in Watertown as early as 1642, where he was a large proprietor, owning a homestead and twelve other lots of land. He was admitted a freeman, Feb., 1652, and was Selectman in 1649. He was often styled, "Mr. Norcross." He d. in 1657.

HENRY A. CLARK, (Addison, Joshua, Ephraim, Isaac, John, John, Hugh), b. Dec. 13, 1839, m. Nov. 23, 1859, Harriet C. French. He rev. to Holliston. Ch. b. here,

1. FREDERICK H., b. Feb. 21, 1861.

JAMES SULLIVAN CLARK, (Oliver, John, Capt. John, Isaac, John, John, Hugh), b. July 23, 1807, m. Aug. 8, 1830, Elizabeth R. Walker. Children,

1. APPLETON, b. Dec. 3, 1832, d. Sept. 5, 1835.
2. TWINS, b. Apr. 6, 1835, d. Apr. 6, 1835.
3. JAMES S., b. Nov. 3, 1836, d. Apr. 2, 1859.
- 1 4. EDWARD S., b. Sept. 3, 1839, m. Sarah G. Pratt.
5. DAVID, b. Oct. 6, 1840, d. Oct. 20, 1840.

- 1-4 EDWARD S. CLARK, (James S., Oliver, John, Capt. John, Isaac, John, John, Hugh), b. Sept. 3, 1839, m. Nov. 21, 1861, Sarah Goulding Pratt (P). Children,

1. EDDIE S., b. July 8, 1866.
2. SADIE M., b. Sept. 14, 1868, d. Dec. 18, 1868.
3. CHARLIE W. F., b. Jan. 26, 1871.
4. LEO A., b. Jan. 1, 1877.
5. BENNIE M., b. Feb. 21, 1878, d. Aug. 6, 1878.

### CUTLER.

JOHN CUTLER, of Norwich, Norfolk County, England, the ancestor, settled in Hingham, where he d. early.

EBENEZER CUTLER, JR., (Ebenezer, Samuel, John), b. Oct. 1, 1695, m. Apr. 27, 1726, Abigail Felch.

"He res. nigh to Grafton, and worshipped there." He was one of the petitioners to the General Court to be set off from Shrewsbury to Grafton. [See elsewhere]. In 1729 he res. in Sutton; in 1736, in Shrewsbury; then of Hardwick; and finally of Grafton, where he made his will, giving to his wife, Abigail, and daughter, Abigail, his in-door movables, the occupancy for life of half his house, consisting of three lower rooms, a chamber, garret and cellar, and to this daughter £300, to be paid within one year after his decease, binding his sons Moses and Ebenezer to pay the legacy and provide for them while they lived. To Jonathan he gave £20; to David, £150; and Ebenezer and Moses the remainder of the estate, in equal shares. He had five children. Jonathan was constable at Oxford, in 1756. Their daughter Elizabeth died Apr. 24, 1765.

EBENEZER CUTLER, JR., (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Samuel, John), b. 1766, m. Nov. 28, 1764, Meriam Bennett. He d. Aug. 23, 1819. Children,

- 1 1. EBENEZER, b. Sept. 28, 1765, m. Elizabeth Brown.
2. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 28, 1768.
3. JOSIAH, b. Mar. 15, 1775, d. Aug. 29, 1775.
4. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 7, 1776.

- 1-1 EBENEZER CUTLER, JR., (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Samuel, John), b. Sept. 28, 1765, m. Mar. 27, 1788, Elizabeth Brown. Children,

- 2 1. EBENEZER, b. Jan. 10, 1789, m. Milley ———.
2. ISAAC, b. Aug. 13, 1791, d. Apr. 16, 1839.

3. JOSIAH, b. June 6, 1797, d. Aug. 23, 1839.
4. SAMUEL, b. Mar. 10, 1801.
5. AMOS, b. Aug. 25, 1805, d. May 24, 1834.

- 2-1 EBENEZER CUTLER, JR., (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Samuel, John), b. Jan. 10, 1789, m. Milley ———. Ch.,
1. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 28, 1817.

JAMES CUTLER, (lineage not ascertained), m. June 10, 1729, Mehit-able Fay. He d. May 13, 1740. Children,

1. MEHITABLE, b. Apr. 21, 1730
2. TABITHA, b. Mar. 9, 1731.
3. SUSANNAH, b. May 1, 1734, d. Dec. 5, 1734.
4. JAMES, b. Oct. 19, 1735, d. Apr. 25, 1741.
5. ELIZABETH, b. May 13, 1738.
6. MARY, b. May 30, 1740, (posthumous).

STEPHEN CUTLER, of Grafton, d. in 1797. He was graduated at the Rhode Island College, in 1795.\*

### DRURY.

HUGH DRURY was the ancestor of this family; b. in England, 1616; in 1659 he res. in Boston, and was lieutenant of the Ancient and Hon-orable Artillery company.

CAPT. THOMAS DRURY, (Thomas, John, Hugh), b. Aug. 29, 1690, m. June 10, 1719, Sarah Clarke, b. Aug. 5, 1701, d. Apr. 10, 1743; m. 2nd, Mary ———, d. Nov. 3, 1752. He d. Dec. 2, 1783.

He res. in Framingham, and after the birth of his first child rev. to Grafton. He was Selectman, and often engaged in other public busi-ness. In 1743 he was styled lieutenant; 1751, captain; and continued to take an active part in military affairs until his death. Children,

- 1 1. THOMAS, b. Jan. 12, 1721, m. Elizabeth ———.
  - 2 2. SARAH, b. Oct. 13, 1723.
  - 3 3. ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 16, 1725.
  - 4 4. RACHEL, b. Oct. 11, 1728.
  - 5 5. THANKFUL, b. Nov. 25, 1730.
  - 6 6. ELIJAH, b. July 19, 1734, m. Sarah Stow.
  - 7 7. MARY, b. Jan. 2, 1735, d. Dec. 5, 1751.
  - 8 8. LUKE, b. Mar. 11, 1737, m. Lydia Sherman and Mary Howland.
  - 9 9. MARTHA, b. Feb. 16, 1738.
  - 10 10. BENJAMIN, b. Apr. 10, 1743, d. Jan. 2, 1752.
  - 4 11. MANOAH, b. Dec. 30, 1746, m. Martha Sherman.
  - 12 12. MARY, b. Feb. 23, 1748, d. Dec. 5, 1751.
  - 13 13. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 13, 1750, d. Nov. 25, 1751.
- 1-1 THOMAS DRURY, (Thomas, Thomas, John, Hugh), b. Jan. 12, 1721, m. Elizabeth ———. Children,
1. THOMAS, b. Dec. 21, 1747.
  2. SARAH, b. Mar. 22, 1750.
  3. ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 23, 1754.
  4. SUSANNAH, b. June 2, 1763.
- 2-6 ELIJAH DRURY, (Thomas, Thomas, John, Hugh), b. July 19, 1734, m. Dec. 11, 1760, Sarah Stow (S), b. Sept. 27, 1738. He d. 1797. Chil-dren,
1. ELIJAH, b. July 1, 1764, d. Dec. 15, 1769.
  2. SARAH, b. Sept. 3, 1766.
  3. MARY, b. Sept. 14, 1768, d. July 8, 1769.
  4. Twins, b. Nov. 1, 1762, lived a few days.

\* *Massachusetts Spy.*



5. SARAH, b. May 1, 1763, d. Sept. 4, 1763.  
 6. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 30, 1770. 7. MARY, b. Mar. 25, 1773.  
 8. SUSANNAH, b. July 23, 1775.

- 3-8 COL. LUKE DRURY, (Thomas, Thomas, John, Hugh), b. Mar. 11, 1737, m. July 26, 1759, Lydia Sherman (S), b. 1736, d. of consumption, Sept. 11, 1793; m. 2nd, Mar. 25, 1795, "the beautiful and accomplished Miss Mary Howland, of Jamestown, R. I.,"\* He d. Apr. 1, 1811.

He was possessed of good natural abilities, with strong powers of mind little improved by early education, and he had everything of the practical in his composition. He was brought up at a time when the actual grievances of the Indians, magnified to their eyes by the designing French, created a border warfare which spread through the land, the reports of which, constantly ringing in his ears, were made none the less horrible by their having been related again and again at the winter's fireside. In constant expectation of being turned out as soldiers to protect themselves from the tomahawks and scalping knives of a ruthless foe, it is not strange that the youths of that day should have had less of polish than a more congenial time would have elicited. It was in this kind of school young Drury began his tender age; and the impressions, thus early made, were not likely to have been obliterated by the times following in his subsequent life. He officiated in his town as constable, deputy sheriff, collector, assessor, selectman, and representative; often as moderator, as which he was Sept. 5, 1774, at a meeting of the town, in open, hostile rebellion, bidding defiance to the obnoxious acts of the British Parliament. As their captain, on the ever memorable 19th of April, 1775, he led the Grafton Minute Men to Concord and Lexington. Under the orders of the committee of safety, of April the 24th of the same year, he enlisted a company, received a commission from them, and immediately joined the forces at Cambridge, in the regiment of Col. Artemas Ward, of Shrewsbury. With a part of this regiment, on the 17th of June, he was with his company in the battle of Bunker Hill, where they had been "ordered immediately to assist at the engagement." Here he lost one man. From some reason their major did not reach the battle with others, and it gave Captain Drury cause to prefer charges against him. May 19, 1777, he was appointed by the committee and selectmen to take command of the company to guard the State stores then in the town. He represented the town in the General Court. During the last years of his life he res. in Marlborough, and d. there. Children,

1. LUKE, b. Dec. 22, 1759. 2. JOHN, b. Sept. 19, 1761.  
 3. LYDIA, b. Dec. 3, 1763, m. Joshua Turner.  
 4. MARY, b. Dec. 16, 1765. 5. EPHRAIM, b. Apr. 3, 1768.  
 6. ALDEN, b. Sept. 11, 1770. 7. AUSTIN, b. Jan. 21, 1773.  
 8. LUCY, b. Oct. 26, 1775.  
 9. THOMAS, b. Sept. 12, 1779. He was lieutenant, and d. in Nov., 1815.

- 4-11 MANOAH DRURY, (Thomas, Thomas, John, Hugh), b. Dec. 30, 1746, m. Martha Sherman (S), b. Oct. 8, 1750. They rev. to Walpole, N. H. They had four sons and three daughters. The only one b. in this town was Elijah.

SAMPSON DRURY, (Manoah, Thomas, John, Hugh), b. in Walpole, N. H., m. Ruth Sherman there. Children,

- 5 1. LUCIAN B., b. May 19, 1812, m. Martha N. Drury and Mary G. Blake.  
 6 2. THOMAS J., b. Aug. 21, 1814, m. Jane Morse.

3. NANCY. 4. AMANDA. 5. SARAH. 6. DAVID. 7. ANDREW.  
8. PERCY A.

5-1 LUCIEN B. DRURY, (Sampson, Manoah, Thomas, Thomas, John, Hugh), b. May 19, 1812, m. 1837, Martha N. Drury, b. Dec. 13, 1812, d. July, 1845; m. 2nd, Aug., 1846, Mary G. Blake, b. Mar. 5, 1825. Children,

1. EPHRAIM L., b. Mar. 15, 1838. Res. Worcester.
2. NATHAN B., b. Nov. 23, 1841. Res. Lynn.
3. LUKE T., b. Feb., 1843.
4. MARTHA N., b. July, 1845, d. June 28, 1849.
5. EDWARD B., b. Dec. 30, 1847.

His three oldest boys served in the war of the late Rebellion.

6-2 THOMAS J. DRURY, (Sampson, Manoah, Thomas, Thomas, John, Hugh), b. Aug. 21, 1814, m. Feb. 7, 1841, Jane Morse, b. Feb. 10, 1822. Children,

1. ADELIA P., b. Dec. 11, 1841, m. George W. Howe. Res. Marlborough.
2. NANCY J., b. May 5, 1844, unm.
3. HELEN A., b. Aug. 16, 1845, d. Dec. 30, 1846.
4. HELEN A., b. Apr. 28, 1848, m. Thomas H. Andrews, Res. Marlborough.

GEORGE W. DRURY, of Boston, m. Oct. 21, 1827, Mahela S. Prentice. Children,

1. GEORGE T., b. Dec. 29, 1832. 2. EMMA S., b. Sept. 5, 1837.
3. JOHN H., b. Nov. 12, 1843.

### ELLIOT.

AARON ELLIOT, (Aaron, Aaron, Joseph), b. Mar. 5, 1801, m. Maria Putnam, b. June 28, 1796. Children,

1. FRANCIS J., b. 1824, m. Minerva Warren.
2. MARIA A., b. 1826. 3. MARIAS M., b. 1826. 4. STEPHEN D., b. 1828.
5. SOPHIA B., b. 1831. 6. AARON, b. 1833.

JOSEPH ELLIOT, (Joseph, Joseph), b. in Sutton, Aug. 19, 1775, m. May 25, 1808, Polly Wheeler (W), b. June 17, 1787. They rev. to Leicester. He d. in this town, Jan. 3, 1860. She d. here, June 8, 1859.

He was one of the earliest cotton and wool card manufacturers, and cotton manufacturers of the land, owning and running a cotton mill in Oxford, Mass. He resided at different times in Oakham, Oxford and Leicester.

JOSEPH D. ELLIOT, (Joseph, Joseph, Joseph), b. July 27, 1809, m. Mar. 16, 1840, R. Jane Bidwell, b. Apr. 15, 1811, d. Jan. 10, 1841; m. 2nd, Nov. 29, 1849, Sarah M. Heywood (H), b. Dec. 13, 1828, s. p.

He was born in Oakham, and resided in Grafton from 1849 to 1872, when he removed to Newton. He was for many years a dentist, but in late years has been a manufacturer of cloth folding machines, and has taken out more than a dozen patents for various successful inventions.

### FARNUM.

PETER FARNUM, (came from Uxbridge), b. 1765, m. Susannah Wadsworth (W). He d. May 6, 1832. Children,

- 1 1. PAUL, b. Dec. 7, 1788, m. Sally Wadsworth, Mrs. Mary D. Tiffany and Mary Staples.
  - 2 2. JOHN, b. 1790, m. Elizabeth Davis.
  - 3 3. ELIZABETH, b. 1793, m. Sylvanus Holbrook.
  - 4 4. DAVID, b. 1796, m. Betsey Parkhurst.
  - 4 5. PETER, b. 1798, m. Louisa Nichols.
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- 1-1 PAUL FARNUM, (Peter), b. Dec. 7, 1788, m. 1814, Sally Wadsworth (W), d. Apr. 9, 1829, in Boston; m. 2nd, Mrs. Mary D. Tiffany; m. 3rd, Mary Staples. He d. Oct. 18, 1859.
- He remained on his father's farm until he attained his majority, and for a year or more thereafter he undertook its entire management. During the embargo, previous to the war of 1812, in partnership with his father, he built a large woolen mill at Farnumsville, in Grafton township. His brother John was afterwards admitted to the firm, which was known as "The Grafton Manufacturing Company." A large number of sailors, thrown out of employment by the embargo, were employed by the company, which secured for it good labor at very low wages.
- In 1814 he married Sally Wadsworth, by whom he had two children. She died shortly after the birth of the second child, a daughter, who bore her name.
- In 1823 he retired from the firm, and his brother Peter was admitted. Mr. Farnum removed to Grafton Centre, and in co-partnership with Samuel Wood and Joseph Batcheller, he engaged in mercantile pursuits. He was also largely interested in manufacturing at Fitchburg.
- In 1825 he removed to Boston, and for many years conducted a large commission business in company with Daniel Kimball. His health failing, he retired, and about 1841-2 he made an extensive tour on horseback through the Southern States.
- In the meantime he had again married. His second wife was Mrs. Mary D. Tiffany, by whom he had one son.
- In 1844 he settled in Philadelphia, and for some years carried on a large commission business there. Subsequently he retired from business, and located himself at Beverly, N. J., where he built and endowed the Farnum School. This school was afterwards transferred to the custody of the State, as a preparatory school, and is still flourishing.
- Mr. Farnum died at Beverly on the 18th day of October, A. D. 1859. His son, GEORGE W., was born in Grafton, Apr. 7, 1818.
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- 3-4 DAVID FARNUM, (Peter), b. 1796, m. Betsey Parkhurst. He d. Feb. 29, 1844. Children,
1. ITHIEL P., b. Feb. 20, 1825. 2. ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 29, 1828.
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- 4-5 PETER FARNUM, (Peter), b. 1798, m. Louisa Nichols. They rev. to Philadelphia, Pa. Children,
1. JOHN W., b. Jan. 16, 1822, d. 1835. 2. CHARLES H., b. Jan. 19, 1825.
3. JOSEPH FRANCIS, b. Mar. 25, 1827, d. Mar. 28, 1832.
4. JAMES H., b. Oct. 31, 1829, d. Feb. 27, 1832.
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- CALVIN FARNUM, m. Jan. 4, 1798, Mrs. Bathsheba Jewell.
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- MOREY FARNUM, by wife Eveline, had children,
1. CHARLES W., b. June 14, 1826. 2. GEORGE S., b. Jan. 16, 1828.

3. DAVID G., b. Mar. 9, 1830. 4. HENRY C., b. June 12, 1832.  
 5. DANIEL W., b. June 26, 1834. 6. EVELINA J., b. Sept. 2, 1836.  
 7. SARAH E., b. Apr. 26, 1838. 8. JOHN D., b. Feb. 22, 1841.  
 9. MARY A., b. Dec. 8, 1843.

**FAY.**

The Fays were not among the earliest settlers of New England. Though they have become somewhat numerous in the country, it is believed that they mostly sprang from one common ancestor, viz., JOHN FAY, who was b. in England about 1648. He embarked May 30, 1656, at Gravesend, on board the *Speedwell*, Robert Locke, master, and arrived at Boston, June 27th. He d. in Marlborough.

JEDUTHAN FAY, m. Persis ———, b. 1753, d. July 11, 1843. Children,

- 1 1. SILAS, b. Sept. 16, 1773, m. Ruth Rice. 2. ANNIS S., b. Feb. 16, 1775.  
 2 3. ANTIPAS M., b. Dec. 14, 1778, m. Margaret ———.

1-1 SILAS FAY, (Jeduthan), b. Sept. 16, 1773, m. Dec. 26, 1793, Ruth Rice. Children,

1. ELIAS, b. Mar. 23, 1794. 2. CLARRECY, b. Mar. 5, 1800.

2-3 ANTIPAS M. FAY, (Jonathan), b. Dec. 14, 1778, m. Margaret ———. He d. Sept. 25, 1839. Children,

- 3 1. BENJAMIN W., b. Apr. 15, 1804, m. Martha ———.  
 2. NANCY M., b. June 2, 1805. 3. ELIZA C., b. Mar. 13, 1807.  
 4. HARRIET L., b. Mar. 23, 1809.  
 5. CHARLES J., b. July 21, 1811, m. Mar. 26, 1833, Irene E. Stow.  
 6. DEXTER M., b. Sept. 21, 1813. 7. EDWARD J., b. Jan. 13, 1816.  
 8. FRANKLIN L., b. Aug. 21, 1818.  
 9. MARGARET S., and 10. MARTHA M., twins, b. Oct. 22, 1824.  
 11. GEORGE A., b. Feb. 16, 1828.

3-1 BENJAMIN W. FAY, (Antipas M., Jonathan), b. Apr. 15, 1804, m. Martha ———. Children,

1. JASPER, b. June 26, 1834. 2. JANE, b. Oct. 16, 1837.  
 3. NANCY, b. Nov. 4, 1839. 4. MARTHA, b. June 17, 1841.  
 5. SARAH C., b. Jan. 14, 1843.

JOEL FAY, m. Sept. 4, 1788, Anna Harrington, d. Mar. 13, 1798. Children,

1. ANNA, b. Nov. 7, 1789. 2. MARIA, b. May 28, 1796.

JOEL W. FAY, by wife Lucy D. ———, had,

1. LUCY A., b. Oct. 7, 1829. 2. ELVIRA, b. Oct. 17, 1831.  
 3. ALBERT R., b. Oct. 14, 1833. 4. WILLIAM W., b. Apr. 30, 1836.  
 5. MARTHA W., and 6. LUCY D., twins, b. May 7, 1838; the latter d. May 7, 1838.  
 7. ELLEN M., b. June 6, 1840. 8. CHARLES M., b. Apr. 16, 1844.  
 9. WALDO L., b. Jan. 30, 1847.

LOWELL FAY, by wife Emily, had,

1. ELIZABETH S., b. June 22, 1832. 2. EMILY M., b. Dec. 27, 1833.



3. HANNAH I., b. Jan. 9, 1837. 4. HENRY B., b. Feb. 25, 1840.  
5. AARON, b. Oct. 8, 1841. 6. ELEANOR, b. Sept. 13, 1843.

CHARLES H. FAY, by wife Lydia B. ———, had,

1. FRANCES M., b. Mar. 24, 1843.

DAVID FAY, m. May 20, 1832, Harriet Pratt, b. 1806, dau. of Sylvanus, d. 1843. Ch.,

1. HARRIET, b. 1843.

### FISK, (Fiske and Ffisk).

There was a considerable number of early emigrants of the name of Fisk, who settled in Massachusetts; and there is good reason to suppose that they were all descendants of ROBERT and SYBIL (GOLD) FISK, who lived at Broad Gates, Loxfield, near Fraulingham, County Suffolk, England.

PETER FISK, m. Sarah Perry. Children,

1. PETER, b. July 1, 1758, d. July 2, 1758. 2. MOSES, b. June 11, 1760.  
3. NATHANIEL, b. July 16, 1762. 4. PETER, b. Dec. 5, 1764.  
5. SARAH, b. Feb. 1, 1768.

HORATIO FISK, by wife Susan, had,

1. SARAH J., b. Nov. 1, 1833. 2. MARY S., b. Jan. 10, 1835.  
3. HARRIET A., b. July 25, 1836. 4. SAMUEL J., b. Dec. 29, 1838.  
5. SUSAN E., and 6. HORATIO E., twins, b. Dec. 29, 1841.  
7. WILLIAM H., b. Oct. 18, 1843.

JONATHAN S. FISKE, (David, of Shelburne), m. Mar. 5, 1838, Georgiana M. Keith (K), b. Aug. 19, 1803, d. Aug. 21, 1851. He d. Apr. 9, 1872. Children,

1. SARAH J., b. Dec. 22, 1838, m. Henry K. Southwick, s. p.  
2. DAVID L., b. July 19, 1840.  
3. REBECCA A. K., b. Jan. 15, 1843, m. Orlando J. Davis. Res. Upton.  
4. DORINDA L., b. Aug. 27, 1845, m. Charles H. Ballard. Res. East Charlemont, Mass.

EBENEZER FISK, by wife Dorcas, had,

1. JOHN, b. Sept. 27, 1757.

WILLIAM FISK, (lineage not ascertained), m. Jemima Adams, dau. of Obediah, of Mendon, 1737. Children,

1. JEMIMA, m. Enoch Batcheller. 2. LYDIA, m. ——— Torrey.  
3. MARY, m. ——— Lewis. 4. RODAH, m. Silas Forbush.  
5. LEVI, m. Jane Taft. 6. ELISHA, m. Betsey Forbush.  
7. HULDAH, m. Daniel Fisk. 8. DAVID, m. Sally Stowe.

### FLAGG.

The orthography of this name has been adopted, it being the most prevalent, almost the universal usage, for the last few generations. There is, however, very little doubt but that it is erroneous, and that the correct orthography is Flegg. In the first place, the name Flagg is



not found in Burke's Encyclopedia of Heraldry, which is a pretty good dictionary of well-known early English names, but Flegg is found there, with a coat of arms.

THOMAS FLAGG, the ancestor, settled in Watertown, as early as 1643, and was probably the ancestor of all families bearing the name in this country. He was selectman in 1671, '74, '75, '76, '78. He lost his left eye by a gun-shot accident, previous to 1659.

ELEAZER FLAGG, (——, Eleazer, Thomas), b. 1710, m. Huldah ——, d. Dec. 16, 1753; m. 2nd, Dec. 8, 1763, Sarah Chandler, of Concord. Children,

1. HULDAH, b. Dec. 14, 1732. 2. ELEAZER, b. Nov. 12, 1734.
3. SIMON, b. May 25, 1736, d. May 26, 1736.
4. JOHN, b. Aug. 2, 1737. 5. MARY, b. May 19, 1740.
6. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 5, 1741, m. Lydia ——.
7. SUBMIT, b. Sept. 5, 1744.

- 1-6 SAMUEL FLAGG, (Eleazer, ——, Eleazer, Thomas), b. Dec. 5, 1741, m. Lydia ——, d. Oct., 1824.

He resided on the old Peter Hunt place, in Merriam District. He carried on the farm, and during the winter time he manufactured malt in large quantities, and thus acquired the sobriquet, "Malster Flagg." He d. Oct. 17, 1822. Children,

1. HULDAH, b. Sept. 15, 1770, d. Oct. 21, 1778.
2. SAMUEL, b. Aug. 9, 1772, d. Nov. 7, 1778.
3. SALLY, b. Sept. 24, 1774, m. John Bennett, "the hatter."
4. ABEL, b. Apr. 16, 1776, d. Oct. 15, 1778.
5. JEREMIAH, b. Dec. 26, 1779, m. Lydia Drury and Mrs. Sally Brigham Kingsbury.
6. CHANDLER, b. Jan. 1, 1782. He res. in Marblehead, where he became quite skilled and noted as a physician.
7. BENJAMIN, b. Apr. 25, 1784. He also, like his brother, was a noted physician, and died in Athens, Me., in 1816.
8. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 2, 1786, m. Olivia Milliken.

- 2-5 JEREMIAH FLAGG, (Samuel, Eleazer, ——, Eleazer, Thomas), b. Dec. 26, 1779, m. Lydia Drury (D); m. 2nd, Mrs. Sally (Brigham) Kingsbury (BK), b. Sept. 12, 1780, d. Aug. 22, 1870. He d. Aug. 27, 1843.

He res. here until after his first marriage, when he rev. to Boston, where he resided a short time, when he returned to Grafton and settled upon a portion of the farm which he and his brother inherited from their father. Children,

1. LYDIA D., b. Nov. 27, 1802, m. George W. Hale.
2. CHARLES A., b. Nov. 25, 1804, rev. to Boston, where he died.
3. SARAH A., b. Jan. 11, 1807, d. Jan. 16, 1832.
4. JEREMIAH, b. Nov. 30, 1810, m. Eliza W. Turner.
5. SAMUEL C., b. Oct. 19, 1819, d. May 25, 1841.

- 3-8 JOSEPH FLAGG, (Samuel, Eleazer, ——, Eleazer, Thomas), b. Dec. 2, 1786, m. Olivia Milliken.

He came into possession of a portion of the farm, owned by his father, at his death. He occupied the old homestead. He d. Dec. 5, 1841. Children,

1. BENJAMIN L., b. July 12, 1822, d. Oct. 17, 1832.

2. MARIA O., b. Feb. 21, 1824, m. Peter Hunt (H).
  3. SUSAN CAROLINE, b. Oct. 23, 1826, m. Chester Forbush (F).
  - 6 4. SAMUEL BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 6, 1828, m. Anna B. Allcott.
  5. JANE A., b. Sept. 17, 1830, m. ——— Krouse.
  6. JOSEPH C., b. June 15, 1832, m. Frances Bigelow.
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- 4-4 JEREMIAH FLAGG, (Jeremiah, Samuel, Eleazer, ———, Eleazer, Thomas), b. Nov. 30, 1810, m. Jan. 2, 1838, Eliza W. Turner.
- He res. on the old Dr. Grout place, on the old Upton Road. He is a cordwainer. Children,
1. GEORGE E., b. Apr. 26, 1838. He is married, and res. in Boston.
  2. CHANDLER S., b. Jan. 28, 1844, unm.
  3. CHARLES A., b. Oct. 16, 1846. He is married, and res. in Boston.
  4. WILLIAM T., b. July 25, 1848, unm., res. in Boston.
  5. EMMA L., b. Mar. 21, 1856, m. Thomas J. Hasty, and res. in Westborough.
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- 6-4 REV. SAMUEL BENJAMIN FLAGG, (Joseph, Samuel, Eleazer, ———, Eleazer, Thomas), b. Aug. 6, 1828, m. Dec., 1869, Anna B. Allcott.
- He was born in Merriam District, on the farm which was formerly owned by his great grandfather, Eleazer. He pursued his preparatory studies principally at Leicester and Warren Academies. In 1846 he entered Brown University, and was graduated in 1850. Soon after this he began the study of medicine, attending lectures at Woodstock, Vt., Boston and Pittsfield; at which latter place he received a diploma. After practising his profession a short time in Boston, he began the study of theology at the Meadville Theological Institute, in Meadville, Pa. After going through the regular course, he ministered a few weeks to a society in Toledo, Ohio, and then went to Kalamazoo, Mich., where he was invited to remain and take charge of a new religious interest. Returning East, he was ordained in the Congregational Church in this town, Oct. 26, 1858, on the occasion of a meeting of the Worcester Association of Ministers, with Rev. Wm. G. Scandlin, then pastor of the church. He returned to Kalamazoo, where a church and society were soon organized. Here he remained six years, and saw the society firmly established and at home in a house of worship of their own, and resigned his charge to return East in 1864. The following spring he was installed over the First Parish at Waltham, where he remained about three years; then supplied the pulpit of the First Church in Sandwich a year and a half; subsequently preaching in various places, till April, 1873, when he went to Bernardston, where he is now settled. Children,
1. CHARLES A., b. 1871.
  2. GEORGE CHANNING, b. 1873.
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- ROBERT FLAGG, (lineage not ascertained, probably brother of Eleazer), by wife Miriam ———, had children,
1. SARAH, b. June 13, 1737.
  2. ESTHER, b. May 4, 1739, d. Feb. 17, 1740.
  3. DAVID, b. Mar. 13, 1743.
  4. JONATHAN, b. Mar. 21, 1745.
  - 7 5. NATHAN, b. Mar. 19, 1747, m. Mercy ———.
  6. MIRIAM, b. Aug. 20, 1752.
  - 8 7. ROBERT, b. June 12, 1755, m. Ann Batcheller.
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- 7-5 NATHAN FLAGG, (Robert), b. Mar. 19, 1747, m. Mercy ———. Children,
1. RACHEL, b. Apr. 4, 1775.
  2. ESTHER, b. Mar. 17, 1777.

8-7 ROBERT FLAGG, (the town records say Robartus, probably an error of the town clerk's), (Robert), b. June 12, 1755, m. Oct. 31, 1787, Ann Batcheller, b. 1764, d. Dec. 26, 1838. He d. Oct. 20, 1828. Children,

1. JOEL, b. June 7, 1788. 2. SARAH, b. Sept. 6, 1789, d. June 1, 1792.
3. HANNAH, b. Dec. 11, 1790, d. Oct., 1825.
4. ANNA, b. Dec. 4, 1793, d. Mar., 1817.
5. LUCY, b. June 10, 1792. 6. ROBERT W., b. Feb. 28, 1795.
7. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 8, 1796. 8. JOSEPH B., b. July 3, 1798.
9. JONATHAN, b. May 21, 1800.
10. JOHN, b. Aug. 25, 1802, d. Dec. 14, 1802.
11. MARY PIERCE, b. Sept. 20, 1804.

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NATHANIEL FLAGG, (probably brother of Robert and Eleazer), m. Elizabeth ——. Children,

1. HANNAH, b. Feb. 13, 1744. 2. ELEAZER, b. Aug. 28, 1745.
3. LUCY, b. Apr. 28, 1747. 4. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 8, 1748.
5. MARY, b. Aug. 28, 1751. 6. DEBORAH, b. Sept. 2, 1754.
7. SARAH, and 8. MARTHA, twins, b. Apr. 5, 1756.

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SAMUEL C. FLAGG, (Aaron, Col. Benjamin, Capt. Benjamin, Benjamin, Thomas), b. Oct., 1813, m. Nov. 23, 1836, Elizabeth W. Merriam (M).

Mr. Flagg was born in Worcester, and came to New England Village in 1831. He resided with Jasper Putnam, of whom he learned his trade, and then went to Northborough, where he remained a short time, returning to New England Village. He resided here for twelve years. During a portion of this time he was employed by J. B. Kimball & Co., of Westborough. In 1846 he removed to the Centre, and entering into company with Luke F. Allen, began the manufacture of shoes, which he continued until December, 1877, when he retired. He was representative in 1854. Children,

1. ANN E., b. Jan. 17, 1839, m. Edmund P. Capron.
2. CAROLINE A., b. Mar. 5, 1843.
3. IDA F., b. Dec., 1849, m. George R. Newton.
4. JENNIE C., b. Jan., 1857.

Samuel C. Flagg's grandfather was Col. Benjamin Flagg, of Worcester, b. Aug. 23, 1723; commanded the company of militia who marched with Col. Timothy Bigelow's company of Minute Men for Lexington, on the alarm, Apr. 19, 1775; afterwards colonel in the Revolutionary service; filled important town offices; d. in Worcester, Oct. 8, 1818, aged 95. Capt. Benjamin Flagg, the colonel's father, was the second sheriff of Worcester County, and held the office at his decease.

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## FLETCHER.

(This name was originally written Fledger). Robert, the first emigrant, settled in Concord in 1630, and d. Apr. 3, 1677.

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ELEAZER FLETCHER, (Samuel, Samuel, Robert), b. Apr. 19, 1704, m. Elizabeth Robbins; m. 2nd, Aug. 10, 1741, Mehitabel Cutler; m. 3rd, Dec. 20, 1759, Martha Gould. He d. 1768. Children,

1. ELEAZER, b. 1735, m. Lucy Leland.
2. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 30, 1744, m. ——— Hazeltine, and rev. to Townsend, Vt.

"No person occupied a higher position, or enjoyed a larger share of public confidence, than Samuel Fletcher."

3. JAMES, b. Jan. 17, 1747, m. Margaret Wood.

He had other children b. elsewhere.

1-1 ELEAZER FLETCHER. (Eleazer, Samuel, Samuel, Robert), b. 1735, m. Lucy Leland (L), d. 1814. He rev. to Sutton. Children,

1. LYDIA, b. 1761, m. Samuel Goldthwait.

2. TABITHA, b. 1763, m. Emerson Hall.

3. EBENEZER, b. 1765, m. Polly Goldthwait.

EPHRAIM FLETCHER, (Ephraim, Timothy, Samuel, Francis, Robert), b. Nov. 23, 1767, in this town. He rev. to Newport, N. H., where he died in the house in which he had resided for sixty years. He had ten children.

TIMOTHY FLETCHER, by wife Hannah ———, had children,

1. HANNAH, b. Jan. 31, 1776. 2. POLLY, b. Jan. 11, 1778.

NOAH M. FLETCHER, (Joel), b. in Bradford, Vt., Dec. 25, 1810, m. May 25, 1840, Caroline E. Chickering, d. Feb. 21, 1846; m. 2nd, May 25, 1850, Almira Greenwood, d. Mar. 18, 1857; m. 3rd, Aug. 18, 1859, Mary H. Gates, d. Dec. 2, 1875. Children,

1. WILLIAM C., b. Aug. 21, 1840, m. Feb., 1878, Hattie Allen.

2. MARY C., b. Nov. 25, 1841, m. Rev. Seth J. Axtell, Jr. (A).

3. CHARLES A., b. Aug. 16, 1842, d. Aug. 18, 1842.

4. NOAH, b. Feb. 21, 1846, d. Feb. 21, 1846.

### FORBUSH, (Furbush, Ffarababas).

This name, it is believed, does not appear on record in New England prior to 1681. In that year is found, on the Marlborough records, the name of Daniel Forbush and Deborah, his wife. Daniel Ffarababas and Rebecca Penniman were m. at Cambridge, Mar. 26, 1660. He was probably the father of Daniel, who m. Deborah ———.

DAVID FORBUSH, (Thomas, Thomas, Daniel), b. in Westborough, Oct. 20, 1721, m. May 4, 1749, Annah Whitney. She was the daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Whitney, of Westborough, baptized Mar. 29, 1730. She was sister to Eli Whitney, the inventor of the cotton gin. Died Jan. 4, 1785. Children,

1. ANNAH, b. July 7, 1750, m. John Warren, and res. in Westborough.

2. JOHN, b. Dec. 20, 1751, d. Sept. 7, 1757.

3. DAVID, b. Apr. 18, 1754, m. Mar. 20, 1778, Deliverance Goodell, and rev. to Royalston.

4. JACOB, b. Feb. 20, 1756, d. Mar. 3, 1756.

5. ABIGAIL, b. May 2, 1757, m. A. Brigham. Res. Shrewsbury.

6. LOIS, b. Sept. 27, 1759, d. unm.

1 7. JONATHAN, b. Feb. 22, 1762, m. Betsey Hayden.

8. JEMIMA, b. May 21, 1764, m. Sylvanus Morse.

2 9. SILAS, b. May 19, 1766, m. Rhodah Fisk.

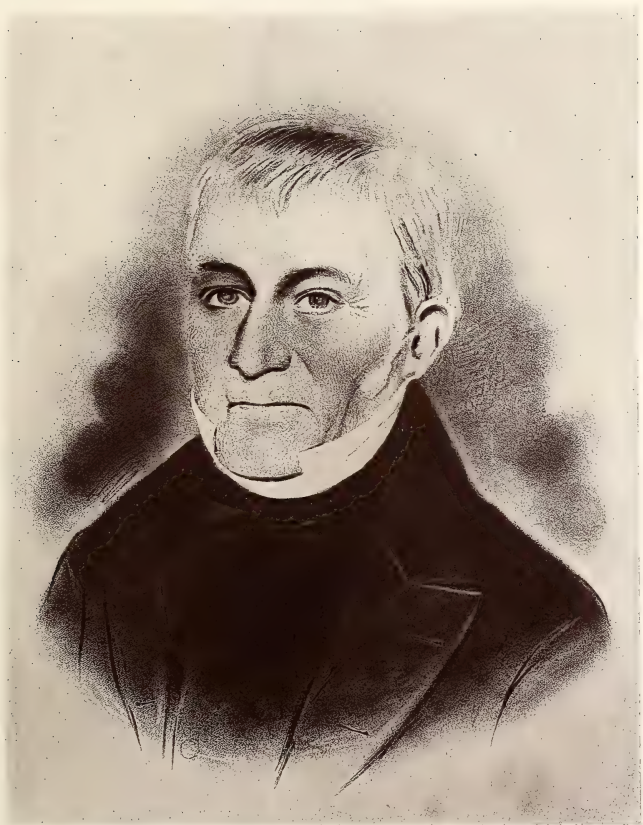
10. JOEL, b. July 29, 1768, d. Sept. 20, 1776.

11. RUTH, b. Nov. 15, 1770, d. young.

12. BEULAH, m. Silas Hardy. Res. Shelburn.

13. MARY, b. Sept. 2, 1776, m. Daniel Leland.





SILAS FORBUSH, SENIOR.





- 1-7 JONATHAN FORBUSH, (David, Thomas, Thomas, Daniel), b. Feb. 22, 1762, m. Betsey Hayden. Children,  
 1. SYBIL, m. Levi Leland. 2. BETSEY, m. Moses Marsh.  
 3. ERI, m. Sally McClellan, and rev. to Southborough.  
 4. LOVINA, m. Nathaniel Barnes. 5. CYNTHIA, m. Samuel Bigelow.  
 6. LORINDA, d. unm.

- 2-9 SILAS FORBUSH, (David, Thomas, Thomas, Daniel), b. May 19, 1766, m. Rhodah Fisk, b. 1767, d. Sept. 23, 1825. He d. July 5, 1840. Children,

1. PRUDENCE, b. Oct. 26, 1789, d. Apr. 13, 1865, unm.  
 3 2. JOEL, b. Oct. 29, 1791, m. Ruth Eames.  
 3. RHODA, b. Oct. 20, 1793, m. Judson Southland, and rev. to Jamestown. N. Y.  
 4 4. SILAS, b. Nov. 17, 1795, m. Clarissa Eames.  
 5. NANCY, b. Nov. 15, 1798, m. Nathaniel Smith (S).  
 6. JONATHAN, b. Mar. 10, 1802, m. Louisa Wood and Carrie Waters. He now res. in Lancaster.  
 4 7. CALVIN W., b. Sept. 8, 1805, m. Elizabeth Fisk.  
 8. MARY A., b. July 8, 1810, m. Leland Batcheller.

- 3-2 JOEL FORBUSH, (Silas, David, Thomas, Thomas, Daniel), b. Oct. 29, 1791, m. Feb. 9, 1815, Ruth Eames. Children,

1. JOEL DEXTER, b. Jan. 16, 1816. Res. La Prairie, Ill.  
 5 2. CURTIS, b. Oct. 28, 1818, m. Rhoda Taft.  
 4 3. JUSTIN, b. Jan. 24, 1820, m. Rhoda A. Sears.  
 4. WILLIAM A., b. June 10, 1822, d. Mar. 23, 1826.  
 5. JANE E., b. Oct. 27, 1824, m. Russell Collier.

- 4-4 SILAS FORBUSH, (Silas, David, Thomas, Thomas, Daniel), b. Nov. 17, 1795, m. Aug. 14, 1821, Clarissa Eames, b. Nov. 11, 1795, d. Sept. 26, 1865. Children,

- 6 1. SILAS A., b. May 23, 1823, m. Julia A. Bullard.  
 7 2. JONATHAN CHESTER, b. July 14, 1825, m. Caroline Flagg.

- 4 4-7 CALVIN W. FORBUSH, (Silas, David, Thomas, Thomas, Daniel), b. Sept. 8, 1805, m. Nov. 19, 1827, Elizabeth Fisk, dau. of Abijah, of Upton, b. Nov. 18, 1805.

He resided with his father, on his farm on George Hill, until he was eighteen years of age, when he removed to Charleston, S. C., and entered the employ of Forbush & Green (Jonathan Fobush). Here he remained for two years. In 1825 he returned to Grafton, and for a short time was engaged in shoe manufacturing on George Hill. He subsequently removed to Boston, where he remained for about seven years. In 1832 he again returned to Grafton, and purchased the Sam'l Wood house at the head of the common, in which he resided for twenty-five years. During this time he was engaged in manufacturing shoes, and a portion of the time was in company with Hon. Samuel Wood and Noah Kimball. He finally removed to Boston, where he now resides. Children,

1. ELIZABETH A., b. Aug. 20, 1828, m. Jonathan C. Warren (W).  
 2. SARAH W., b. July 24, 1831, m. Willard D. Wheeler (W).  
 3. CALVIN, b. Apr. 8, 1833, m. Eliza J. Gates. Res. Winona, Minn.  
 4. WILLIAM, b. Mar. 30, 1836, m. Gertrude Whitin. Res. N. Y. City.  
 5. HARRISON, b. Nov. 6, 1839, d. Nov. 8, 1869.

- 6. HORACE, b. June 13, 1843, m. Adelaide Lines. Res. N. Y. City; in the employ of A. T. Stewart & Co.

- 4½-3 JUSTIN FORBUSH, (Joel, Silas, David, Thomas, Thomas, Daniel), b. Jan. 24, 1820, m. Nov. 27, 1849, Rhoda A. Sears, b. Feb. 27, 1827. He d. Nov. 4, 1859.

"Dundee was thrown into no little excitement on Friday evening of last week, in consequence of a melancholy accident which befel Mr. Justin Forbush, of the firm of Forbush, Brown & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers, of Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. F., in attempting to get upon the cars as they were leaving the depot for the North, by some mishap was drawn in between the passenger car and the platform of the freight house, where he was turned around some three times before the train could be stopped. The space between the platform and the car was only about five inches, and his injury was of such a character that he survived only a little over two hours from the time of the accident. He was conscious nearly the whole time, and bore his misfortune with uncommon fortitude, not a murmur escaping his lips, or a frown overshadowing his countenance. \* \* \* His wife, we learn, started for Massachusetts at the same time that Mr. F. started on his Western tour, and they were to meet there on Thanksgiving day. The meeting will take place sooner than anticipated, and under far different circumstances, the results of which meeting the readers can easily picture for themselves."—*Dundee, Ill., Advocate, Nov. 12th, 1859.* Children,

1. EMMA J., b. Dec. 28, 1854, gr. State Normal School at South Framingham, in 1875.
2. SUSIE C., b. Dec. 29, 1858, gr. State Normal School at Buffalo, N. Y., 1879.

- 5-2 CURTIS FORBUSH, (Joel, Silas, David, Thomas, Thomas, Daniel), b. Oct. 28, 1818, m. Sept. 23, 1839, Rhoda Taft, b. 1816, d. March 17, 1879. He d. May 12, 1876. Children,

1. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 8, 1843, d. Feb. 8, 1843.
2. WILLIAM C.

Captain Forbush was born on George Hill, on the 21st of May, 1845. He received his early education in the public schools of Grafton and Worcester, and the private school of Rev. M. C. Stebbins, in Lancaster, Mass. In 1859 he entered the High School at Worcester, Mass., graduating in 1863, with the intention of entering Yale College, at New Haven, Conn.

From the time of his graduation at the High School till March, 1864, he was connected with the editorial department of the *Worcester Daily Spy*, when he received his appointment as a cadet to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., from the Eighth Congressional District of Massachusetts, the Hon. John D. Baldwin, of Worcester, Mass., being the Congressman from whom he received the nomination. He graduated on the 15th of June, 1868, and received his commission as second lieutenant in the Fifth United States Cavalry, reporting for duty with his regiment in Kansas, then in the department of the Missouri, in the early part of October, same year, participating in the campaign against the Cheyenne Indians, under Roman Nose, and for gallantry in action with said Indians, on the 25th of October, 1868, at Chalk Bluffs, on Beaver Creek, Kansas, he was recommended by his commanding officer, Gen. E. A. Carr, now colonel of the Sixth United States Cavalry, to receive a commission of brevet first lieutenant. He also took part

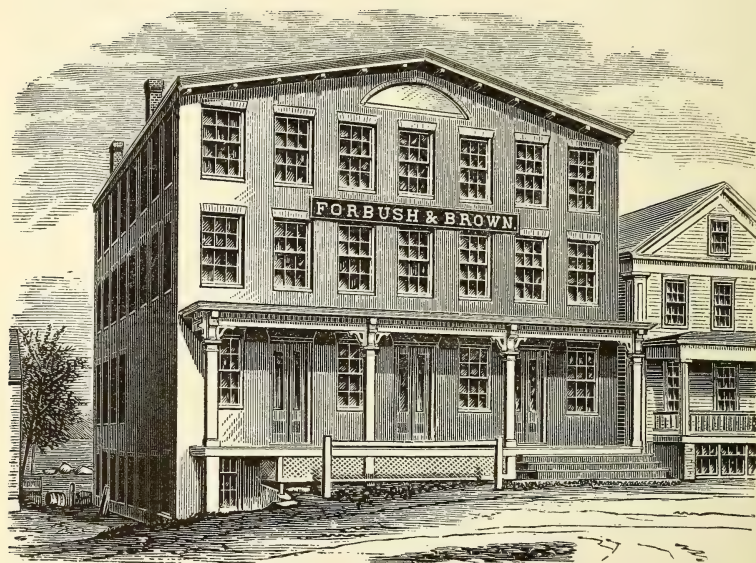


Yours very truly,  
W. C. Gombush,  
Captain 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry.









FORBUSH & BROWN'S BOOT AND SHOE  
MANUFACTORY.

[FORMERLY HANCOCK'S BLOCK.]

in the engagement with hostile Cheyennes on Spring Creek, Nebraska, in May of the succeeding year. In the early part of July, 1869, he was appointed regimental adjutant of the Fifth Cavalry, a position which he retained for nearly eight years.

On the 19th of March, 1870, he was appointed first lieutenant in the Fifth United States Cavalry, serving in the department of the Platte for three years, and the department of Arizona for four, being transferred with his regiment to the department of the Missouri in 1875. In 1876 he was with his regiment in the campaign against the hostile Sioux, under Sitting Bull, the regiment forming a part of the Big Horn and Yellowstone expedition, under Gen. George Crook. He served here as acting assistant adjutant-general of the cavalry command, and finally as acting assistant adjutant-general of the expedition, which comprised twenty-five companies of cavalry, and ten companies of infantry, besides volunteers and Indian scouts. He was present in the affair at Slim Buttes, Dacotah Territory, in September, 1876, in the encounter with Sioux Indians.

In October, same year, after the campaign was finished, he was stationed in St. Louis, Missouri, for two years, on recruiting service, and on the first of May, 1879, was appointed captain in his old regiment, and is now stationed at Fort Washakie, Wyoming Territory. During the time he was on recruiting service in St. Louis—two years—he studied law at the St. Louis Law School.

- 6-1 SILAS A. FORBUSH, (Silas, Silas, David, Thomas, Thomas, Daniel), b. May 23, 1823, m. Julia A. Bullard.

He worked for his father, Silas Forbush, Jr., on his farm, until he became of age, when he removed to the Centre, and entered the employ of C. W. Forbush, his uncle. In 1856 he bought out the business, in company with Willard D. Wheeler. They manufactured in the same shop, and in the vestry of the Baptist Church, and also conducted the grocery store known as the "White Store." The co-partnership was dissolved in 1861. In 1865 Forbush & Brown, of Buffalo, N. Y., purchased the building known as "Hancock Block," and immediately began the manufacture of boots and shoes. Mr. Forbush has had charge of the company's interest here since that time. Children,

- 6 1. SILAS A., b. Feb. 12, 1848, m. Hannah Schenck.  
2. IDA, b. Aug. 27, 1849, m. F. M. McGarry (graduated Antioch College, Ohio, 1872), one son.

- 7-2 JONATHAN CHESTER FORBUSH, (Silas, Silas, David, Thomas, Thomas, Daniel), b. July 14, 1825, m. May, 1848, Caroline Flagg (F).

He resided with his father on his farm, on George Hill, until he was twenty years of age, when he removed to the Centre, and entered the employ of C. W. Forbush, in his shoe manufactory. In the fall of 1852 he formed a co-partnership with Nathaniel Brown, and began the manufacture of boots and shoes in the "Old Arcade." In the spring of 1853 they removed their business to Buffalo, N. Y., where he has since resided. In 1865 the company removed their manufactory to this town (their office in Buffalo remaining as before), and purchased Hancock's Block. Children,

1. FLORENCE C., b. Mar. 14, 1854.  
2. GRACE C., b. July 25, 1873.

- 8-1 **SILAS A. FORBUSH, JR.**, (Silas A., Silas, Silas, David, Thomas, Thomas, Daniel), b. Feb. 12, 1848, m. Feb. 17, 1873, Hannah Schenck, b. in Franklin, Ohio, Aug. 7, 1851. She is a relative of Hon. Robert C. Schenck, once prime minister to England. Ch.,  
1. **CHESTER S.**, b. Sept. 8, 1876.

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**ENOCH FORBUSH**, b. 1756, m. Sept. 14, 1780, Mary Batcheller, d. Mar. 27, 1791; and m. 2nd, May 28, 1793, Mrs. Esther Hills. He d. Nov. 16, 1825. Children,

1. **JOSEPH F.**, b. Dec. 4, 1795.
2. **SENECA**, b. Sept. 9, 1797.
3. **DIADAMA**, b. Oct. 24, 1798, m. Antipas Wheeler.
4. **STEPHEN**, d. Sept. 20, 1798.

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**SAMUEL FORBUSH**, m. Oct. 18, 1795, Sally Nichols.

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### **GODDARD.**

**WILLIAM GODDARD**, a citizen and grocer, of London (seventh son of Edward and Doyley Goddard, a wealthy farmer of Norfolk); m. Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin Miles. He came to America in 1665, and his wife and three surviving sons came the next year. They settled in Watertown.

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**BENJAMIN GODDARD**, (Benjamin, William), b. 1705, m. in Cambridge, Dec. 9, 1731, Mary Kidder, d. Apr. 4, 1792. He d. Dec. 9, 1759. He was a housewright by trade. Children,

1. **ELIZABETH**, b. Oct. 31, 1732, d. Jan. 12, 1733.
2. **ELIZABETH**, b. Nov. 1, 1733, m. Benjamin Goddard, and rev. to Petersham.
3. **JOSIAH**, b. Sept. 14, 1735, m. Huldah Batcheller, of Sutton.
4. **BENJAMIN**, b. Nov. 15, 1737, m. Mary Flagg.
5. **NATHANIEL**, b. Mar. 17, 1738. He m. and rev. to Conway.
6. **JAMES**, b. Apr. 24, 1740. He rev. to Athol.
7. **SAMUEL**, b. Dec. 27, 1742. He rev. to Sutton, and then to Royalston.
8. **MARY**, b. June 7, 1746, m. Thomas Griggs, of Sutton.
9. **HANNAH**, b. Aug. 25, 1749, m. Josiah Chase, of Sutton, and rev. to Worcester, N. Y.

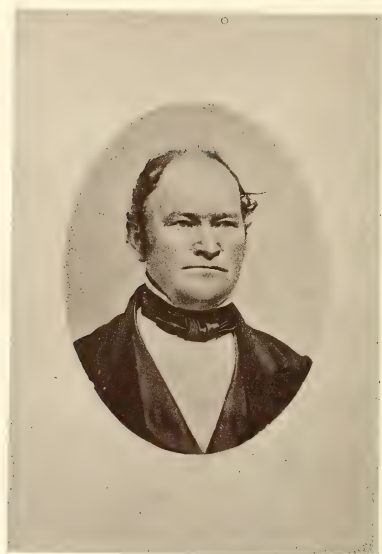
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- 1-3 **JOSIAH GODDARD**, (Benjamin, Benjamin, William), b. Sept. 14, 1735, m. Mar. 5, 1761, Huldah Batcheller, b. May 1, 1741, d. Feb. 9, 1792. He d. Feb. 12, 1784. Children,

1. **ANNA**, b. Feb. 23, 1762, m. Joel Goddard, of Petersham.
2. **ASAHEL**, b. Feb. 10, 1764, d. May, 1776.
3. **JOSEPH**, b. Jan. 30, 1766, m. 1796, Susanna Sherman; and m. 2nd, Thankful Hersey.
4. **JOSIAH**, b. May 11, 1768, m. Elizabeth Tobey.
5. **PERLEY**, b. Aug. 28, 1770, m. Lucy Harrington and Widow Chase, of Barre.
6. **BENJAMIN**, b. Oct. 11, 1772, d. Feb. 1, 1791.
7. **HULDAH**, b. Oct. 29, 1777.
8. **POLLY**, b. June 30, 1782, m. Asa Wheeler, of Leicester.

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- 2-4 **BENJAMIN GODDARD**, (Benjamin, Benjamin, William), b. Nov. 15, 1737, m. Dec. 8, 1763, Mary Flagg (F), b. Mar. 30, 1740. He d. Mar. 11, 1816.







*Charles Goddard*

He was a justice of the peace for Worcester County for twenty-five years, from 1789 to 1814. He was town clerk here eighteen years, from 1776 to 1793. Children,

1. ELIZABETH, b. Nov., 1764, d.
2. HULDAH, b. Nov., 1767, d. Jan., 1790.
3. ABEL, b. Jan. 28, 1771, d. Mar., 1775.
4. MARY, b. Oct. 20, 1776, m. Levi Goddard.
5. SALLY, b. Aug. 16, 1777, m. Stephen Holbrook (H).

- 3-4 REV. JOSIAH GODDARD, (Josiah, Benjamin, Benjamin, William), b. May 11, 1768, m. Aug. 19, 1796, Elizabeth Tobey, b. May 22, 1772. He res. in this town until 1801, then moved to Conway, and in 1814 to York, N. Y.

He was a Baptist clergyman. He published in 1798, in Conway, a work of 400 pages, entitled "A New and Beautiful Collection of Select Hymns and Spiritual Songs."

- 4-5 PERLEY GODDARD, (Josiah, Benjamin, Benjamin, William), b. Aug. 28, 1770, m. Nov. 8, 1795, Lucy Harrington (H), b. July 13, 1773, d. suddenly in a fit of apoplexy, Dec. 14, 1815; m. 2nd, 1818, Widow Priscilla Chase, of Barre, who d. 1867. He d. 1856. Children,

1. POLLY, b. Aug. 3, 1796, d. Nov. 13, 1798.
2. LUCY H., b. Sept. 16, 1798, m. Vernon Stiles, and rev. to Thompson, Conn.

- 5 3. CHARLES, b. Nov. 5, 1800, m. Susan Heald.
4. NANCY, b. May 5, 1804, m. Henry Mills, of Millbury.
5. MARY P., b. June 3, 1812, m. Rev. Silas Bailey, D. D., LL. D.

He died in Paris, France, June 11, 1874, where he was buried. He was born in Sterling, Mass., and was for some time principal of the Worcester Academy, and afterwards president of Denison University, and of Franklin College. Subsequently he was professor of theology, at Kalamazoo, Mich. He was an able man, and made his influence strongly felt in educational interests.

She was a rare woman. At her death she had become endeared to a wide circle of friends in LaFayette, Ind., where she had resided some time. She died Feb. 23, 1873.

- 5-3 CHARLES GODDARD, (Perley, Josiah, Benjamin, Benjamin, William), b. Nov. 5, 1800, m. Dec. 2, 1824, Susan Heald, b. Apr. 5, 1804. He d. July 14, 1865. Children,

1. SUSAN A., b. Jan. 20, 1826, d. Aug. 27, 1828.
2. JOSIAH, b. Aug. 14, 1827, d. Sept. 10, 1828.
3. ESTHER, b. Nov. 26, 1828, m. George Benson. Res. Northbridge.
4. CHARLES, b. July 31, 1830, m. Sarah Moore. Res. Westborough.

- 7 5. LUCY, b. Dec. 17, 1832, d. May 20, 1849.
- 6 6. PERLEY, b. Aug. 6, 1834, m. Ellen A. Dudley.
7. JOSIAH A., b. Sept. 20, 1836, m. Susan M. Pratt and Leona W. Fisk.
8. HARRIET B., b. Nov. 3, 1838. 9. JOHN H., b. Sept. 20, 1842.

LEVI GODDARD, (Edward, Hon. Edward, William), b. July 25, 1772, m. May 16, 1799, Mary Goddard (1-2=4). Children,

1. BENJAMIN, b. Mar. 14, 1800.
2. SALLY, b. Nov. 29, 1801, m. John H. Merriam (M).
3. JOHN F., b. Dec., 1803, rev. to Brookfield.

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4. HULDAH C., b. May 1, 1805, m. Charles I. Warren (W).  
 5. LEVI, b. May 2, 1807.  
 6. MARY E., b. Apr. 10, 1809, m. Hollis Chamberlin.  
 7. LOUISA, b. Apr. 10, 1811. 8. CLARINDA, b. Feb. 24, 1813.  
 9. MARTHA E., b. July 4, 1817. 10. SUSAN Z., b. Oct. 3, 1820.
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- 6-7 JOSIAH A. GODDARD, (Charles, Perley, Josiah, Benjamin, Benjamin, William), b. Sept. 20, 1836, m. Apr. 3, 1862, Susan M. Pratt, b. Sept. 5, 1836, d. Dec., 1863; m. 2nd, Apr. 3, 1865, Leona W. Fisk, b. Jan. 31, 1842. Deacon of the Baptist Church, and an extensive farmer. Children,  
 1. MARIA A., b. Feb. 10, 1866. 2. SILAS B., b. Feb. 2, 1868.  
 3. ARTHUR F., b. Aug. 26, 1869. 4. HERBERT A., b. Mar. 24, 1871.  
 5. ALBERT H., b. Mar. 21, 1875.
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- 7-6 PERLEY GODDARD, (Charles, Perley, Josiah, Benjamin, Benjamin, William), b. Aug. 6, 1834, m. Feb. 28, 1864, Ellen A. Dudley, b. Feb. 28, 1838.
- He served in a Grafton company during the war of the late Rebellion, and is now an extensive farmer, residing on and owning the "Hassanamisco Farm." Children,  
 1. EMMA J., b. Dec. 21, 1864. 2. NELLIE A., b. Oct. 28, 1866.  
 3. JOSEPH D., b. Apr. 28, 1868. 4. LILLIE M., b. Mar. 14, 1870.  
 5. EDWIN P., b. Feb. 27, 1872. 6. ELLA F., b. Nov. 4, 1874.  
 7. BRIGHAM L., b. Dec. 30, 1878.
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### GOODALE.

ROBERT GOODALE embarked at Ipswich, England, with Katherine, his wife, April, 1634. He was b. 1603. She was b. 1605.

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JOSEPH GOODALE, by wife Elizabeth, had,

1. JOSEPH, b. June 18, 1735. 2. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 21, 1736.  
 3. AZUBAH, b. Apr. 22, 1738, m. 1765, William Thomas, Jr. Ch.,  
*Robert B. Thomas, b. Apr. 24, 1766.*
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William Thomas, Sr., was a native of Wales, England, and born there of an opulent family, and received a liberal education at Christ's College, Cambridge. It seems he emigrated to this country somewhere about the year 1718. Tradition says he, with other brothers, came first to Stonington, Conn. It is well known that he came to Marlborough, Mass., sometime about the year 1720, and married Lydia Eager, a daughter of a respectable farmer of Shrewsbury, and resided in Marlborough until he died, in 1733; two years after which, in 1735, his wife died. He had two sons and four daughters. The eldest, William, Jr., was born in Marlborough, in March, 1725. After his mother's death he went to Shrewsbury to live with his grandmother Eager, where, and at Jonas Morse's, in Marlborough, he resided some years. He attended the town school in the winter, the limited time it kept. Being of a studious turn of mind, and fond of reading, he purchased many books, and soon became quite a scholar for those days. In the year 1744 he began keeping school in Brookfield, at the age of nineteen years, which he followed winters, more or less, for upward of forty years. The same year began in Hardwick, being the first schoolmaster of the town. In April, 1747, he left this country for England, to obtain a

patrimony, justly belonging to his father, in Wales. And on the 8th of May, in going north was taken by a French privateer out of Dunkirk, and stripped of all. Afterwards was ransomed, and arrived at Boston in October. In August, 1749, he made another voyage to London, where he staid some time, and visited Wales, with the expectation of obtaining his right of inheritance, but was unsuccessful, on account of the lapse of time since his father left Wales. During the next fourteen years he received a lieutenant's commission in the army; not pleased with a soldier's life he left the army, and followed his former vocation at intervals, of school-keeping, and as an assistant in a store, and finally went into a small way of trade himself, until the year 1764, when he bought a small farm situated in the North Parish of Shrewsbury. In 1765 he married Azubah Goodale, daughter of Joseph Goodale, born April 22, 1738.

Her father was a respectable farmer of Grafton, at whose house Robert B. was born.\* He removed with his parents, while quite young, from Grafton to the farm in Shrewsbury North Parish, now West Boylston. The farm was situated in that district then locally known by the name of Shrewsbury leg.† He resided in four incorporated towns, and two distinct parishes, and one precinct, yet never moved from the same farm. His mother died in 1781. He studied arithmetic under the inspection of his father, who was well versed in this science. In 1786 he taught school in Grafton, in the Fairbank District, so called; subsequently returning to his father's, he worked on his farm. He attended school in Boston, in Merchants' Row, and while here he made all the calculations for an almanac for the year 1793, being his first number. This almanac has been published since this time by him, until his death. Charles L. Flint, Esq., of Boston, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, is the present editor and compiler.

4. JOHN, b. Feb. 9, 1740. 5. THANKFUL, b. Sept. 12, 1741.  
 6. SOLOMON, b. Aug. 11, 1743. 7. SARAH, b. Oct. 28, 1745.  
 8. MARY, b. Jan. 13, 1747, m. Jonathan Pierce (P).  
 9. TIMOTHY, b. Sept. 24, 1749. 10. NATHAN, b. May 7, 1751.  
 11. HANNAH, b. Mar. 25, 1753.

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SAMUEL GOODALE, m. July 25, 1734, Thankful Robbins.

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## GOULDING.

This is an English name, and pronounced Goolding in distinction from Golding, a name common to the Celtic Irish. It was originally local, and borrowed from Goulding on the borders of Wales, anciently Gouldingham, derived from *goal* (a bound), and *ham* (a hamlet or town), but relieved of the last syllable before the first publication of a catalogue of English towns.

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PETER GOULDING was of Boston, in 1665. He acted as an attorney in the Court of Sessions. He was prosecuted and fined for charges

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\* See *Thomas' Old Farmer's Almanac*, 1833 and '34.

† This strip of land was united to Lancaster Second Parish, by an act of incorporation, February, 1768. In 1781 this parish was incorporated into a town, by the name of Sterling. In 1796 certain inhabitants of Boylston, Sterling and Holden, formed themselves together into a precinct, and in 1808 they obtained an act of incorporation by the name of West Boylston.



that he had divulged against the Court and clerk of Suffolk County. The occurrence not improbably disgusted him into a resolve to remove from Boston. A second attempt to settle Quinsigamond (Worcester), was undertaken in 1683. Besides his town right, which he purchased of Thomas Hall, he owned 3,020 acres in Hassanamesit, which were valued at only £4. In 1694, when the settlement of Worcester was broken up, he removed to Sudbury, and died there in 1703.

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COL. JOHN GOULDING, (Capt. Palmer, Peter), b. Oct. 3, 1726, m. Feb. 22, 1753, Lucy Brooks, of Concord, b. Sept. 30, 1733, d. Nov. 22, 1771. He d. Nov. 22, 1791.

Col. John Goulding was the son of Capt. Palmer Goulding, originally of Sudbury, and afterwards a prominent citizen of Worcester, and the grandson of Peter Goulding. The latter is the earliest lineal ancestor who can be certainly traced. Peter Goulding and his son Palmer were men of strong character, and evidently took a conspicuous part in the communities in which they lived. The name occurs frequently in the annals of the colonies, and is not without some distinction in English history. The death of Captain Goulding, commander of the ship *Diamond*, on board which he was killed April 10th, 1665, in a victorious engagement with the Dutch, qualified the joy felt at the victory in the frivolous court of Charles the Second. Capt. Roger Goulding, of Rhode Island, master of a vessel, rendered such eminent services in Philip's war as to receive recognition and substantial reward from the authorities of Plymouth Colony.

In 1665, William Goulding, with others, purchased of the representative of James, Duke of York, a large part of the territory now comprising the State of New Jersey.

Capt. Palmer Goulding, the father of the founder of the Grafton family, commanded a company from Worcester County at the capture of Louisburg, in 1745.

Col. John Goulding was born October 3, 1726. He engaged in the business of tanning, which his father prosecuted extensively at Worcester. In early life he settled in the northeasterly part of Grafton, in the midst of a wilderness, and there cleared up and cultivated the farm which his descendants occupied down to the present generation. He established a tannery there, and carrying on that business during his life was succeeded in it by his son. He was married to Lucy Brooks, of Concord, who bore him ten children, and died at the early age of thirty-eight. He survived her exactly twenty years, and died November 22, 1791. He was a man of very large frame, and towards the close of life became exceedingly corpulent. He inherited a share of the energy and ability that distinguished his ancestors, and by a life devoted to quiet industry he achieved high success; that is, he made himself useful to the generation in which he lived, and won the esteem and respect of all who knew him. No record of his daily life and obscure labors is left, and if there were it would be but a repetition of that of many thousands of others who bore the privations and hardships of frontier life, to redeem for a happier posterity the fair and smiling land whose beauties and bounties we are permitted to enjoy. Children,

1. JONAH, b. Nov. 25, 1753, m. Apr., 1777, Grace Knowlton and Mrs. Sarah Leland.
2. LUCY, b. Dec. 22, 1756, m. Abraham Brown, Jr. Res. Alstead, N. H.
3. JOHN, b. July 23, 1760, m. Ruth Chamberlin. Res. Hopkinton.



4. MOLLY, b. May 3, 1762, m. Aaron Kimball (K).
5. JOSHUA, b. Sept. 4, 1763. Res. South.
6. EPHRAIM, b. Sept. 4, 1765, m. Susanna Brigham.
7. PHEBE, b. May 22, 1767, m. William Wood. Res. Hopkinton.
8. JOSEPH, b. Mar. 6, 1769, d. young.
9. ISRAEL, b. Sept. 25, 1770, m. Aug. 8, 1793, Lucy Drury. Res. Marlborough.
10. PATTY, b. ———, m. Joseph Pratt, of Shrewsbury.

She is the grandmother of Judge Calvin E. Pratt, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

- 1-6 CAPT. EPHRAIM GOULDING, (Col. John, Capt. Palmer, Peter), b. Sept. 4, 1765, m. Mar. 6, 1792, Susanna Brigham (B), b. Nov. 27, 1770, d. Sept. 9, 1850. He d. Jan. 14, 1838.

He continued the business of tanning upon the old place, and added to the farm, left to him by his father, much of the adjacent territory. He married Susanna, daughter of William Brigham, and granddaughter of Solomon Prentice, the first minister of Grafton. He was somewhat prominent in town affairs, and possessed the confidence and esteem of his townsmen, as the records of the town will show. He was a resolute, self-reliant and capable man, and when, late in life, some reverses of fortune overtook him, although his health was seriously impaired, he took up the task of restoring his losses and preserving his estate with a vigor and energy rarely exhibited by the young and healthful. He was a man of excellent understanding, with a keen sense of the ludicrous, and a prevailing humor which displayed itself in the queer and apt terms and epithets he was wont to make use of to express the odd and whimsical resemblances he detected in men and things.

He had eleven children, nine of whom survived him. Children,

1. SUSANNA, b. Mar. 25, 1793, m. Ezekiel Brigham (B).
2. SALLY, b. Jan. 24, 1795, unm. Res. "Farms."
3. JOHN, b. Jan. 19, 1797, m. Caroline Marshall.

Graduated Yale College, 1821; attended a course of lectures at the Yale Medical School, and received his diploma in 1824. He settled in Stratford, Conn., where he followed his profession; his practice was large and extensive. He died January 10, 1860, very much respected and beloved by all who knew him. At his death the Masonic Fraternity, of which he was a prominent member, adopted a set of resolutions, which were sent to his widow. She now resides in Birmingham, Conn.

4. EPHRAIM, b. Feb. 25, 1799, d. June 25, 1800.
5. EPHRAIM, b. July 11, 1801, m. Eunice Dunsmore and Emily Carter. Res. Millbury.
6. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 22, 1804, m. Adah Jewett, and d. in New York city.
- 2 7. SOLOMON E., and 8, LUCY E., twins, b. Nov. 28, 1807. He m. Lucy A. Nichols and Nancy P. Robinson; she m. Harvey J. Pratt.
- 3 9. PALMER, b. Oct. 11, 1809, m. Fanny W. Maynard and Ann Cutting.
10. CHARLES, b. Nov. 15, 1812, m. Emily A. Miles, and res. Mobile, Ala.

- 2-7 SOLOMON E. GOULDING, (Capt. Ephraim, Col. John, Capt. Palmer, Peter), b. Nov. 28, 1807, m. Lucy A. Nichols, b. 1818, d. Sept. 2, 1841; m. 2nd, 1843, Nancy P. Robinson. Children,

1. ABBY A., b. Dec. 14, 1838.
2. WALTER C., b. Apr. 17, 1844.

- 3-9 PALMER GOULDING, (Capt. Ephraim, Col. John, Capt. Palmer, Peter), b. Oct. 11, 1809, m. Fanny W. Maynard, b. 1815, d. Aug. 9, 1839; m. 2nd, June, 1842, Ann Cutting. He d. Mar. 22, 1849.

He lived in Grafton, Northfield, Ware, Holden and Worcester, at different times, and died in Grafton. He was by trade a watchmaker. He had a great deal of mechanical ingenuity, and easily adapted himself to anything requiring mechanical skill. For several years he worked at the business of a machinist, taking charge of the repairs in factories in Holden and Worcester. Children,

1. JOHN C., b. — 24, 1832, d. Aug. 19, 1839.
2. SUSAN E., b. Feb. 4, 1835.
3. FRANCIS P., b. July 2, 1837.

Frank Palmer Goulding was born in Grafton, July 2, 1837. His mother having died when he was two years old, he lived with his collateral relatives on the old Goulding homestead, to the age of seven years, when, upon his father's second marriage, he went to live with him, and continued to do so in Holden, Worcester and Grafton, until the spring of 1849, when his father dying he was apprenticed to learn the shoemaker's trade. He lived about four years in the family of Mr. Charles Mitchell, familiarly known as "The Doctor." In the spring of 1853 he removed to Worcester, and worked at his trade till 1857. His education, up to this time, had consisted of a few terms at the common schools of Holden and Grafton, and one term at the Grafton High School, taught at that time by the Rev. Mr. Wilson. The public libraries of Worcester, then every way inferior to those of to-day, had afforded him an opportunity to gratify a natural love of reading and study. In the fall of 1857 he went to Thetford, Vt., and in the Academy there situated fitted for college. Entering Dartmouth College in 1859, he pursued the regular course, and was graduated in the class of 1863. In September of that year he began the study of law in the office of Hon. George F. Hoar, and continued there, excepting one year spent at the Dane Law School of Harvard University, till the April term of the Supreme Judicial Court, at Worcester, 1866, when he was admitted to practice. In the fall of the same year he went into co-partnership with the Hon. F. H. Dewey, then in large practice; and Mr. Dewey shortly after leaving the country for a year's tour abroad, Mr. Goulding was immediately afforded the opportunities, and burdened with the responsibilities, of an extensive practice in all the courts. In 1869, Mr. Dewey was appointed a judge of the Superior Court, and Mr. Goulding formed a co-partnership with Hamilton B. Staples, and continues the practice of law. In 1877 and 1878 he represented the Twenty-third Worcester District in the House of Representatives. In March, 1870, he married Abbie B. Miles, of Fitchburg, and they have two children.

4. FANNY A., b. May 4, 1843.

### GREENWOOD.

ENOCH GREENWOOD, m. Mariam Forbes, of Westborough. Children,

- 1 1. JONAS, m. Elizabeth W. Warren.
- 2 2. HOLLAND, b. July 3, 1792, m. Susan Knowlton.
- 3 3. PERSIS, b. June 12, 1798, m. Nathaniel Adams (A), and Dea. John Gaston, rev. to Stockbridge, N. Y., where she d. June 19, 1843.

She removed to the State of New York in the year 1826, where she spent the most of the remainder of her life. In 1840 she united with



*F. P. Goulding*



the Stockbridge Congregational Church, and was a prominent member to the time of her death.

4. POLLY, m. ——— Woodward. 5. ESTHER, d. unm.  
6. MIRIAM, m. Eastman Bolster. 7. HAMMOND.

- 1-1 JONAS GREENWOOD, (Enoch), m. Elizabeth W. Warren (W), b. 1793, d. Nov. 3, 1831. Children,  
1. ELIZABETH W., b. July 9, 1818, m. Luke F. Allen (A).  
2. JONAS E., b. Mar. 4, 1825, m. Mary Beales. Res. Kansas.

- 2-2 HOLLAND GREENWOOD, (Enoch), b. July 3, 1792, m. Apr. 15, 1822, Susan Knowlton, b. Oct. 5, 1799. He d. July 10, 1852.

"With Deacon Greenwood, religion was the chief concern, the service of God his highest joy. Few were more ready in self-denying activity in every good work. He was in his element in the conference and prayer meeting. There was little, if anything, in his daily deportment, which even the enemies of religion could condemn as inconsistent with his Christian profession. All who ever heard him pray would feel convinced that he was a man of prayer. There was an unction that showed that his heart accompanied his words. In the later years of his life he seemed to stand on Pisgah's top, and see the promised land. As a deacon, 'he purchased to himself a good degree, and great boldness in the faith.'"—*Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe*. Children,

1. MERRILL, b. Apr. 9, 1823, m. Alma Grosvenor. Res. Kansas.  
3 2. HORATIO C., b. Dec. 21, 1824, m. Emeline Ingraham.  
3. ELIZA A., b. Apr. 13, 1827, m. Nathaniel Brown. Res. Buffalo, N. Y.  
4. SUSAN M., b. Jan. 4, 1830, d. Mar. 11, 1832.  
5. SUSAN A., b. May 13, 1833, d. Jan. 24, 1842.

- 3-2 HORATIO C. GREENWOOD, (Holland, Jonas), b. Dec. 26, 1825, m. Aug. 28, 1849, Emeline Ingraham, b. Nov. 25, 1825.

He was educated in the common and High schools of his native town. In 1856 he began the manufacture of boots and shoes, which business he continued for about twenty years. He was selectman for two years. Children,

1. FANNIE H., b. Feb., 1853, m. Frank P. Macomber. Res. Worcester.  
2. CHARLES P., and 3, WILLIAM C., b. Apr. 15, 1856. Twins.  
4. ESTELLE L., b. July 9, 1859.

## GROUT.

CAPT. JOHN GROUT, the ancestor of this family, came to this country in his youth. Of the arrival in New England no record is presumed to exist. John was of Watertown, in 1640. A tradition has descended in the line of John's descendants, with a copy of his will, through Jonathan his executor, and an uninterrupted succession of five Jonathans, all men of intelligence and respectability, that a father by the name of Grout, with two sons, fled to this country from Wales, on the breaking out of the plague, and died soon afterwards, leaving his sons in their minority, with claims to an estate that were never prosecuted. Capt. John was styled "chirurgeon."

DANIEL GROUT, (Joseph, Joseph, Capt. John), b. Mar. 30, 1736, m. Elizabeth Adams (A), b. Mar. 18, 1744, d. Aug. 15, 1822. He rev. to Acworth, N. H., where he d. July 15, 1809. Children,



1. DANIEL, b. Feb. 29, 1763, m. Azubah Rockwood.
2. ANDREW, b. Oct. 24, 1764, m. Huldah Keyes, and res. Acworth.
3. ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 23, 1766, m. Thomas Dodge, of Acworth.
4. MOLLY, b. Aug. 26, 1768, m. Amos Keyes, of Acworth.
5. LUCY, b. Aug. 3, 1770, m. Edward Slader, of Acworth.
6. ALEXANDER, b. June 6, 1772, m. Esther Fisher, of Springfield, Vt.
7. NATHANIEL, b. July 1, 1774, m. Lucinda Slader and Mary Davis. He d. without issue, Feb. 14, 1844.
8. SALLY, b. Aug. 9, 1776, m. Hon. Gowen Gilmore, of Acworth.

They had five other children b. in Acworth.

- 1-1 DANIEL GROUT, (Daniel, Joseph, Joseph, Capt. John), b. Feb. 29, 1763, m. Feb. 1, 1789, Azubah Rockwood. He was a physician, and d. Oct. 2, 1802. Ch.,

1. NANCY, m. Dr. Theodore Barrett, of Chester, Vt.

JOSEPH GROUT, (Joseph, Joseph, Joseph, Capt. John), b. Dec. 3, 1755, m. 1781, Phebe Puffer, d. Nov. 28, 1839.

He was a physician, and res. in this town until 1794, in the house now owned and occupied by Jeremiah Flagg, when he rev. to Monson. Children,

1. NAHUM, b. Apr. 4, 1782, m. Sally Carpenter, and res. in Leon, N. Y.
2. POLLY, b. Sept. 24, 1783, d. Sept. 24, 1783.
3. JOSEPH, b. May 19, 1785, m. Nancy Cotton, and res. in Monson.
4. PHEBE, b. July 7, 1787, m. Col. John Hoar, of Monson.
5. BENJAMIN, b. Oct. 21, 1789, d. 1790.
6. CHLOE, b. Mar. 31, 1792, m. Charles Gardner.

HENRY T. GROUT, m. May 18, 1836, Catherine Kimball.

## HALL.

ANDREW HALL, the ancestor, married first Susannah, daughter of Dea. John and Susannah (Barsham) Capen, of Dorchester, born Sept. 16, 1664. His ancestry has not been traced. He came into Newton about 1695, was a weaver, and cultivated a farm near Oak Hill, between that and Charles river, which remained in possession of his descendants for several generations. He had JOHN, b. Jan. 11, 1695; SUSANNAH, b. Jan. 1, 1697; SARAH, b. Dec. 11, 1699; DOROTHY, EDWARD, ANDREW and HANNAH. Susannah m. 1719, Elizur Stoddard; Sarah m. Samuel Gay, of Dedham; Dorothy m. Eliphalet Gay, of Dedham; Hannah m. ——— Woodcock, of Bridgewater; Edward m. May 21, 1730, Mary Miller, and lived in Newton; Andrew, Jr., m. Dec. 5, 1723, Dorcas Courtney, and lived in Boston, and was ancestor of the late Andrew T. Hall, of Boston. Wife Susannah d. Aug. 18, 1736, and Andrew, Sr., m. 2nd, Oct. 12, 1737, Mary Bennett. He d. 1756, and his will is on file at the Probate Office. Though his parentage hitherto is not traced, there exists an engraved coat-of-arms among his descendants apparently very old, and having the birth of his great-grandson Edward, of Boston, b. Nov. 12, 1766, recorded under it. It is very similar to the one used by the Halls of Medford.

JOHN HALL, (Andrew), m. Oct. 17, 1722, in Dorchester, Hopestill Ockington, of Dedham, and had in Newton, JOSIAH, Aug. 26, 1723; NEHEMIAH, Mar. 29, 1725; THOMAS, Nov. 22, 1727; DAVID, Dec. 24, 1732;





*Samuel Hall*

JOHN, May 31, 1736; REBECCA, Aug. 1, 1729. Wife Hopestill, d. 1738. He m. 2nd, Dec. 27, 1739, Abigail Hall. He d. 1791, aged 96.

Rev. Jonathan Homer, in his History of Newton, in speaking of Rev. N. Hobart, says: "An aged father, Mr. John Hall, has repeatedly mentioned to me his serious and winning manner of address," &c.

JOSIAH HALL, (John, Andrew), m. May 28, 1747, Abigail, dau. of Thomas and Abigail (Cheney) Brown, of Newton, and had SUSANNA, Apr. 30, 1749; ABIGAIL, Sept. 27, 1751; MARY, Mar. 3, 1753; SAMUEL, Jan. 3, 1755; HANNAH, May 6, 1760; SARAH, Nov. 22, 1763. Susanna m. John Rogers, of Newton, who also m. her sister Sarah; Hannah m. 1782, Ezra Dana, of Cambridge; Abigail m. 1772, Royal Wood, and rev. to Utica, N. Y.

First wife, Abigail, d. May 20, 1775, and Josiah m. 2nd, Elizabeth Brown, of Cambridge, Feb. 8, 1776. He d. Aug. 23, 1786, aged 63. Both he and his only son, Samuel, served in the army of the Revolution, and he loaned the town of Newton, in 1777, £24 to pay the soldiers. He held one slave.

SAMUEL HALL, (Josiah, John, Andrew), m. Sept. 18, 1782, Sarah, dau. of Ensign Timothy and Sarah (Prentice) Cheney, of Newton, a descendant of the stout old trooper, Capt. Thomas Prentice. They had,

1. WILLIAM, b. May 10, 1783. 2. SALLY, b. Feb. 24, 1785, d. 1802.
3. SAMUEL, b. May 7, 1787. 4. ISAAC, b. July 21, 1789, d. Dec. 8, 1840.
5. PRENTICE, b. Oct. 9, 1791, d., s. p., Jan. 10, 1839.
6. JOSIAH, b. Dec. 7, 1793.
7. BAXTER, b. Apr. 24, 1796, d. Mar. 31, 1875. 8. ABBY, b. Jan. 24, 1800.

Samuel, Sr., d. in Newton, Nov. 17, 1828, aged 73, and his wife, Sarah, d. Sept. 25, 1842, aged 86. William m. Martha Greenwood, and had children; Isaac m. May 16, 1816, Mehitable, dau. of John and Lois King, of Newton, and had children in Boston; Baxter m. Lucinda Brackett, of Newton, and had a daughter, unm; and Abby m. May 25, 1837, Timothy B. Mason, of Cincinnati, and d. April 15, 1875, leaving three children, Rev. Edward B. Mason, now of Indianapolis, William L., of Cincinnati, and Helen A., wife of Gen. Henry V. Boynton, of Washington, D. C.

SAMUEL HALL, (Samuel, Josiah, John, Andrew), m. Jan. 1, 1813, Sophia, dau. of John and Lois (Jackson) King, of Newton.

Capt. Samuel Hall was born in Newton, Mass., May 7, 1787. He lived in Newton, during his minority, with his father, who was a farmer and hand-loom weaver, receiving only the educational advantages which the district schools of that period afforded, and in that time he learned the trade of a blacksmith.

January 1, 1813, he was married to Miss Sophia King, of Newton. In 1816, after the birth of two children, they settled in Grafton, and in 1822 he purchased the "Wood" estate, situated on the road leading to Millbury, took down the old house, and built the cottage which he occupied up to the time of his death, a period of some fifty-six years. They had twelve children, seven of whom are now (May, 1879), living, four daughters and three sons, all of whom are filling well their respective situations in life, the sons being favorably known in business and official circles. The oldest, Samuel Hall, was for many years a partner

in a commission house in Boston, doing a large and successful business. S. D. Hall, of Grafton, is one of the most efficient deputy-sheriffs in Worcester County; and the youngest, Sanford J. Hall, is the well known secretary of the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

More than fifty years ago he was elected captain of a military company, and served for several years with great acceptance. He had a good ear and natural love for music, and, by study and practice, he made himself one of the best musicians in the county. He played the bass-viol, and directed the singing with marked success, at different periods, in the choirs of each of the religious societies in Grafton; and his interest in, and love for this art, he retained almost unabated to the close of his life; his passion for music being strong so long as he was able to receive and entertain his friends and neighbors. Indeed, his friends listened with pleasure to his rendering of several of the old-time tunes, upon his bass-viol, so recently as the anniversary of his ninetieth birthday. Captain Hall was eminently social and cheerful, characteristics which he retained to the last. He seemed young at ninety. He was a man of truth, justice and charity, and the spirit which characterized him in his daily life governed him also in his treatment of political and moral questions. He had no taste for controversy, but acted quietly on his own convictions, and left others to act as they pleased. In all things he was an independent and intelligent thinker and actor. His word was as good as his bond, and his promises seldom, if ever, exceeded what he performed. In a word, he despised pretence and hated corruption wherever found.

Politically he was a Whig, until the formation of the Republican party, with which he acted, depositing his last ballot for Hayes and Wheeler.

Whatever failings he had dwindled into insignificance in the presence of his intelligence, his love of right, his amiability, his courteous manner, his devotion to his family and friends. He was an affectionate husband, a fond and indulgent father, and, endowed as he was, he became to his large and happy family its guide and blessing, leaving behind him a memory of undying fragrance. He died February 24, 1878, in the ninety-first year of his age; at that time the oldest man in Grafton. Children,

1. SARAH, b. Oct. 10, 1813. 2. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 18, 1815.
3. SIMON, b. Nov. 22, 1816, d. young. 4. SALMON DAVIS, b. June 15, 1818.
5. SANFORD JACKSON, b. Mar. 31, 1820.
6. SOPHIA ABIGAIL, b. Apr. 15, 1822.
7. SOPHRONIA WOODWARD, b. Jan. 22, 1824.
8. SUSAN ELLEN, b. Sept. 19, 1825. 9. SATIRA MARIA, b. Aug. 1, 1827.
10. SAMANTHA ANNE, b. June 11, 1829.
11. SYLVIA JANE, b. Aug. 1, 1831, d. unm., Oct. 7, 1859.
12. SABRINA, b. Aug. 3, 1832, d. Oct. 2, 1832.

Mrs. Sophia Hall d. in Grafton, May 3, 1872.

1. SARAH, m. Nov. 15, 1832, Wm. Mixer Stowe, from Southborough, and had *Emily Elizabeth*, b. June 7, 1836, unm.; and *William Henry*, b. Sept. 5, 1841, who m. 1868, Martha J. Rafitte.
2. SAMUEL HALL, Jr., m. Aug. 24, 1840, Harriet, dau. of John and Rebecca (Beals) Bridge, of Boston, and had one son, *Frank Rockwood Hall*, b. Mar. 15, 1851.

Mrs. Harriet B. Hall d. Mar. 23, 1851. He m. 2nd, May 2, 1861, Mrs. Mary E. Kilbourn, dau. of Dr. Amos Farnsworth, of Boston, and had one son, *Prescott F. Hall*, b. Sept. 27, 1868.



4. SALMON DAVIS, m. May 8, 1843, Elizabeth Staples, and had *Samuel*, b. Sept. 14, 1844, m. Jennie Reynolds, res. Abington, Ill.; *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 15, 1848; and *Edgar Clifton*, b. Dec. 6, 1869.
5. SANFORD JACKSON, m. May 6, 1845, Emily, dau. of Dea. Robert Prentice, of Grafton, and had *Mary Sophia*, b. Apr. 9, 1847; and *Nellie Frances*, b. June 28, 1852, d. Aug. 17, 1853.
6. SOPHIA ABIGAIL, m. 1856 or 1857, Dea. Lewis Holbrook, of Grafton, s. p.
7. SOPHRONIA WOODWARD, m. Oct. 6, 1846, Dea. Horace Batcheller, and had *Arthur Henry*, b. Aug. 8, 1847, m. Jane, dau. of Daniel Whitney; *Emma Sophia*, b. Oct. 1, 1850, d. July 25, 1856; *George Horace*, b. Mar. 9, 1867; *Sandford Luther*, b. July 26, 1862.
8. SUSAN ELLEN, m. Nov. 17, 1846, Willard Aldrich Morse, from Putnam, Conn., and had *Mason Hunting*, b. May 19, 1848; *Charles William*, b. Sept. 13, 1850, m. Jan. 20, 1874, Annie Goodale Cross; *George Augustus*, b. Dec. 1, 1851, d. young; *Emily Jane*, b. Aug. 23, 1853, m. July 3, 1878, George A. Nason; *Franklin Alfred*, b. Apr. 12, 1856; *Lilla Maria*, b. Oct. 11, 1862, d. Aug. 18, 1877; *Fanny Ellen*, b. July 15, 1866.
9. SATIRA MARIA, m. Oct. 11, 1854, Joseph Daniels, of Grafton, and had *Martha Maria*, b. July 27, 1855; *Ella Josephine*, b. Feb. 22, 1857, d. June 27, 1863; *Alvin Joseph*, b. Apr. 9, 1859; *Horace Leland*, b. Jan. 1, 1862.  
Mrs. S. M. Daniels, d. Feb. 23, 1867.
9. SAMANTHA ANN, m. Dec. 30, 1852, Charles E. Buswell, from Whitefield, N. H., and had *Charles Lincoln*, b. at Rockford, Ill., Apr. 13, 1861; *John Selwyn*, b. Oct. 11, 1867.  
Dea. Charles E. Buswell d. at Rockford, Mar. 7, 1875, and Mrs. S. A. Buswell d. there also, Mar. 24, 1878.

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JOSIAH HALL, (Samuel, Josiah, John, Andrew), m. Mar. 7, 1794, Martha White, of Northbridge, and had,

1. JOSIAH GILMAN, b. Mar. 9, 1823. 2. MARTHA ANN, b. Nov. 20, 1824.
3. FRANCIS NEWELL, b. Sept. 29, 1826.
4. SARAH ABIGAIL, b. May 15, 1828.
5. CAROLINE DAVIS, b. June 24, 1831.
6. CHARLES EDWARD, b. July 13, 1833.

Mrs. Martha W. Hall d. Dec. 16, 1869.

1. JOSIAH GILMAN, m. Sept. 7, 1844, Sarah M. Underwood, of Woodstock, Conn., s. p.
2. MARTHA ANN, m. Oct. 7, 1846, Augustus F. Hayden, of Lincoln, who d. Dec. 20, 1858; and m. 2nd, Alpheus Fuller, of Northbridge.
3. FRANCIS NEWELL, m. Oct. 1, 1850, Susan Maria Southwick, of Douglas and Northbridge, and had *Mary Augusta*, b. July, 1851; and *Nellie Frances*, b. 1862.
4. SARAH ABIGAIL, m. Aug. 26, 1847, Amherst J. Ford, from Brownington, Vt., and had *Nellie L.*, b. Oct. 1, 1849, m. June 30, 1868, Loren S. Davis, of Grafton; *George F.*, b. Feb. 27, 1851, m. Feb. 27, 1873, Edna W. Bailey, and had Alvan J., b. in Grafton, Jan. 14, 1875; *Jennie M.*, b. Dec. 18, 1855, d. Jan. 7, 1857; *Edwin A.*, b. Dec. 2, 1857; and *George D.*, b. Dec. 1, 1867.
5. CAROLINE D., m. Aug. 17, 1851, Thomas Harris, from Penrockshire, Wales, and had *Thomas Rockwood*, b. July 3, 1851, d. July 29, 1853; *Thomas Davis*, b. May 30, 1854; *George Franklin*, b. Jan. 29, 1856; *Ida Whipple*, b. Sept. 27, 1857; *Carrie Jane*, b. May 3, 1859, d. June 8, 1859; *Alfred Edward*, b. Mar. 14, 1860; *Elmer Ellsworth*, b. Apr. 4,

- 1862; *Carrie Frances*, b. Aug. 7, 1864; *Walter Eugene*, b. July 12, 1867; *Clarence Josiah*, b. Mar. 16, 1873.
6. CHARLES EDWARD HALL, m. Frances J. Ingalls, of Boston, and had *Hattie Josephine*, b. Dec. 15, 1863; *Edith*, b. June 19, 1871, d. Aug. 12, 1872.

ENSIGN JONATHAN HALL, (lineage not ascertained), m. Thankful ——. He d. Jan. 28, 1747. Children,

1. RUTH, b. May 17, 1730, d. Nov. 27, 1749.
  2. ANNA, b. Aug. 13, 1731, d. Jan. 1, 1732.
  - 2 JONATHAN, b. Mar. 30, 1733, m. Mary Stow.
  4. SARAH, b. July 17, 1734. 5. HANNAH, b. June 30, 1736.
  6. AARON, b. June 22, 1737, d. July 9, 1737.
  7. SAMUEL, b. June 29, 1738, d. July 23, 1738.
  8. HEZEKIAH, b. Aug. 17, 1739, d. Oct. 1, 1739.
  9. ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 28, 1740. 10. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 25, 1742.
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- 2-3 JONATHAN HALL, (Jonathan), b. Mar. 30, 1733; m. Jan. 19, 1758, Mary Stow (S). Children,
1. JONATHAN, b. Aug. 26, 1781. 2. AARON K., b. Oct. 6, 1782.
  3. SHELOMITH S., b. May 15, 1785. 4. POLLY B., b. Mar. 31, 1788.

AARON HALL, m. Aug. 8, 1790, Sarah Brigham. Children,

1. SALLY, b. Nov. 20, 1790. 2. AARON, b. June 4, 1793.

## HAMMOND.

The families of the name of Hammond, in New England, are most, if not all of them, descended from two brothers, viz., William, of Watertown, and Thomas, of Hingham and Newton. They came from Lavenham, County of Suffolk, England.

JOSIAH H. HAMMOND, (Benjamin, Col. Benjamin, Nathaniel, Nathaniel, Thomas), b. Oct. 4, 1806, m. Oct. 14, 1829, Anna G. Warren (W). He d. Mar., 1860.

Josiah Hovey Hammond, son of Benjamin and Mary (Hovey) Hammond, of Rutland, Mass., was born Oct. 20, 1806, at Newton, Mass., on the old Hammond farm, on Hammond street, adjoining Hammond pond. He was the last Hammond born there. The farm was first purchased by Thomas Hammond (who came to Hingham from Lavenham, England, in 1632), in 1656. When Josiah was three years old his father and grandfather removed to Rutland. Here he passed his boyhood. When he was twenty-two he came to Grafton, and followed his occupation of house-builder, and with the exception of two years passed in Roxbury, and two years at Rutland, he lived in Grafton until his death. In 1840 he built the house now occupied by his widow. Children,

1. CAROLINE H., b. June 19, 1831, m. Gideon B. Blaisdell and Russell C. Plummer.
2. GEORGE W., b. Apr. 4, 1833, m. Ellen S. S. Clark, dau. of Rev. Dorus Clark. Res. Boston.
3. SUSANNA R., b. Oct. 11, 1835, m. John Wheeler.
4. MARY A., b. Sept. 14, 1837, m. William L. Longley.
5. WILLIAM H., b. June 1, 1841, unm.
6. LAURA A., b. Nov. 3, 1844, unm. 7. ELLEN M., b. Dec. 5, 1846, unm.

**HARRINGTON**, (Herrington, Errington, Arrington).

ROBERT HARRINGTON. His name is the last on the list of proprietors of Watertown, made out 1642-44. He then owned a homestall, "given him by Thomas Hastings." This gift renders it probable that he was a kinsman of Deacon Hastings. His inventory mentions sixteen lots of land, amounting to 642½ acres, and appraised at £717.

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ISAAC HARRINGTON, (Daniel, Daniel, George, Robert), b. May 6, 1709, m. Feb. 16, 1730, Miriam Eager, b. 1713, d. Feb. 12, 1801.

In advanced age he lived with his son Isaac, in Shrewsbury, where he died June 1, 1782. Children,

- 1 1. ISAAC, b. Jan. 8, 1734, m. Hannah Whipple.
2. PHEBE, b. May 25, 1740, m. Samuel Whitney.
3. LUCY, b. May 13, 1730. 4. MIRIAM, b. May 26, 1738.
5. FORTANTUS, b. Oct. 5, 1742. 6. SIBIL, b. Jan. 8, 1747.
7. ZIPPORAH, b. Feb. 20, 1749.
8. MOSES, b. Feb. 21, 1749. d. Apr. 3, 1749.
9. ANTIPAS, b. Sept. 30, 1753, m. July 14, 1774, Levinah Brigham.

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- 1-1 ISAAC HARRINGTON, (Isaac, Daniel, Daniel, George, Robert), b. Jan. 8, 1734, m. Aug. 25, 1757, Hannah Whipple (W), b. 1738, d. Jan. 25, 1804. He d. July 5, 1805.

He was for many years a selectman; a captain; a representative; and a member of the convention that adopted the constitution of the United States. Children,

- 2 1. ADAM, b. 1759, m. Lucretia Bigelow.
- 3 2. FORTANTUS, b. Apr. 22, 1764, m. Anna Harrington.
3. JUBAL, b. Oct. 28, 1769, d. Oct. 20, 1802.

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- 2-1 ADAM HARRINGTON, (Isaac, Isaac, Daniel, Daniel, George, Robert), b. 1759, m. Aug. 14, 1781, Lucretia Bigelow (B), b. June 1, 1760. He d. of small-pox, Nov. 12, 1792. She then m. Capt. Martin Newton. Children,

1. HANNAH, b. Apr. 26, 1782, m. Dr. Silas Wheelock.
2. ZILLAH, b. Aug. 23, 1784, m. Col. Daniel Harrington.
- 4 3. ISAAC, b. May 18, 1790, m. Rhoda Smith.
4. LUCRETIA, b. Mar. 13, 1793, m. Henry Cary.

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- 3-2 FORTANTUS HARRINGTON, (Isaac, Isaac, Daniel, Daniel, George, Robert), b. Apr. 22, 1764, m. Apr. 24, 1796, Anna Harrington (H), b. Aug. 29, 1767, d. Jan. 23, 1832. He was a justice of the peace in Shrewsbury, and d. there Jan. 24, 1841. Children,

1. ANNA, m. Dec. 31, 1818, Gardner Wheelock (W).
2. ADAM, b. Jan. 13, 1799, m. Emily Lakin.
3. MARY, b. Jan. 7, 1801, m. Lewis Thayer.
4. JUBAL, b. Feb. 3, 1803, m. Lucretia Keyes.

He graduated at Brown University in 1825, studied law in the Law School at Northampton, under the instruction of the Hon. Samuel Howe and Elijah H. Mills, and with Pliny Merrick, Esq. He began practice in Worcester in 1828; was editor of the *Worcester Republican* from the establishment of that print, March 4, 1829; representative in 1831 and 1836; and postmaster November 9, 1833, for a number of years.

5. OLIVER, b. June 30, 1805, m. Eliza Wheelock.

- 4-3 ISAAC HARRINGTON, (Adam, Isaac, Isaac, Daniel, Daniel, George, Robert), b. May 18, 1790, m. 1809, Rhoda Smith, b. Oct. 14, 1791. He d. Feb. 23, 1843. Children,
1. SAMUEL S., b. Apr. 25, 1810.
  - 5 2. ELBRIDGE G., b. Jan. 3, 1812, m. Susan Harrington.
  - 6 3. ISAAC S., b. Dec. 17, 1813, m. Maria R. Knowlton.
  4. MARY E., b. Dec. 18, 1815, m. Daniel Harrington.
  5. CHARLOTTE L., b. May 22, 1818, m. William Bartlett.
  6. ADAM L., b. Dec. 20, 1820. 7. CLARENDON A., b. May 8, 1822.
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- 5-2 ELBRIDGE G. HARRINGTON, (Isaac, Adam, Isaac, Isaac, Daniel, Daniel, George, Robert), b. Jan. 3, 1812, m. Susan Harrington (H). Ch.,
1. ISAAC.
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- 6-3 ISAAC S. HARRINGTON, (Isaac, Adam, Isaac, Isaac, Daniel, Daniel, George, Robert), b. Dec. 17, 1813, m. Apr. 24, 1839, Maria R. Knowlton, b. 1816, d. May 31, 1843. Children,
1. MARIA A. 2. EVELINE E.
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SAMUEL HARRINGTON, (Samuel), b. June 10, 1743, m. Anna Brigham (B). She d. Dec. 11, 1831. He d. Oct. 3, 1773. Children,

1. MARY, b. Sept. 11, 1765, m. Martin Smith (S).
  2. ANNA, b. Aug. 29, 1767, m. Fortantus Harrington (H).
  3. SAMUEL, b. Aug. 3, 1769, m. Abigail Putnam, and d. Oct. 3, 1802.
  - 7 4. JOSHUA, b. Mar. 13, 1771, m. Polly Adams.
  5. LUCY, b. July 13, 1773, m. Perley Goddard (G).
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- 7-4 JOSHUA HARRINGTON, (Samuel, Samuel), b. Mar. 13, 1771, m. Polly Adams (A). Children,

1. ANDREW A., b. Sept. 23, 1799, d. Sept. 25, 1803.
  2. ANDREW A. He now res. in Whitehall, N. Y.
  - 8 3. SAMUEL, b. Aug. 13, 1801, m. Hannah H. Warren.
  4. WILLIAM B., b. Mar. 16, 1803, m. Eliza Putnam, and d. Oct. 30, 1839.
  - 9 5. JOSHUA W., b. Aug. 17, 1807, m. Adelia Tucker.
  6. MARY A., b. Apr. 2, 1810, m. Henry A. Ball.
  7. LOUISA, b. Sept. 5, 1813, m. Isaac C. Field.
  8. LUCY CAROLINE, b. Oct. 1, 1816, d. unm.
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- 8-3 SAMUEL HARRINGTON, (Joshua, Samuel, Samuel), b. Aug. 13, 1801, m. May 23, 1827, Hannah H. Warren (W), b. Mar. 27, 1803, d. May 4, 1872.

Mr. Harrington was born on Brigham Hill, on what is now known as the "Knights farm," where he remained until he was engaged by Charles Prentice as clerk in his store, the "Green store." After attaining his majority he bought out Mr. Prentice. For fifty years, with but a few years while engaged in other business, Mr. Harrington was in business in the old "Green store." By close attention to business, and honest dealings with his fellow-citizens, he retired in 1877, having accumulated a handsome property. He was one of the founders of the Savings Bank, of which he was vice-president a number of years. He is now one of the trustees; and is also a director of the National Bank. Children,







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RESIDENCE OF GEORGE K. NICHOLS, ESQ.

1. SARAH E., b. Dec. 3, 1828, unm.

2. MARY L., b. Dec. 24, 1830, m. Aug. 11, 1857, Geo. K. Nichols, M. D.

He was born in Sherbrooke, P. Q., April 10, 1827, the son of John Adams and Melinda (King) Nichols, and gt. grandson of Col. Moses Nichols, who commanded a regiment at the battle of Bennington, under General Stark.

He came to Grafton to live with Col. Leland, in 1832, his father having died a short time previous. He entered Leicester Academy in 1842, where he remained two years and then went to Manchester, Cape Ann, and entered Master Price's select school. In 1851, he began the study of medicine and attended one course at the Harvard Medical School, under W. E. Townsend, M. D.; then went to Philadelphia and attended a full course at the University of Pennsylvania, from which institution he was graduated and obtained his diploma. He settled in Saundersville, near Col. Leland, in 1855, and in 1860 removed to the Centre and entered into business with his father-in-law, Samuel Harrington, whom he succeeded in 1877. He has filled various town offices, has been selectman and representative. He is now President of the Grafton Savings Bank and a director of the Grafton National Bank. Their children are as follows:—1. *Harrington Leland*, b. Nov. 11, 1859. 2. *George Perry*, b. Mar. 29, 1862. 3. *Samuel French*, b. Dec. 27, 1865.

3. HANNAH C., b. Aug. 12, 1833, m. Feb. 11, 1875, Luke F. Allen (A).

9-5 4. JULIA, b. Aug. 1, 1839, d. Oct. 23, 1839.

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JOSHUA W. HARRINGTON, (Joshua, Samuel, Samuel), b. Aug. 17, 1807, m. Adelia Tucker. Children,

1. LOUISA A., b. March 31, 1833, d. Feb. 11, 1834.

2. MARY A., b. July 14, 1835. 3. HENRY J., b. Nov. 24, 1837.

4. LOUISA M., b. Sept. 11, 1841, d. Jan. 4, 1842.

5. AUGUSTA A., b. Nov. 17, 1844.

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CAPT. MOSES HARRINGTON, m. Mary ———. He d. Sept. 8, 1784. Ch.,

1. ABIJAH, b. March 6, 1758.

2. MOSES, b. Nov. 8, 1759, d. Nov. 22, 1818.

10 3. SUSANNAH, b. Aug. 16, 1761. 4. MARY, b. April 12, 1763.

5. EPHRAIM, b. Feb. 8, 1765, m. Prudence Leland.

6. WILLIAM, b. Sept. 20, 1767.

7. AARON, b. Sept. 3, 1769, m. Jan. 7, 1794, Esther Pond.

8. ANNA, b. Jan. 10, 1772. 9. JACOB, b. June 28, 1774, d. May 18, 1775.

10. SALLA, b. March 11, 1776. 11. JACOB, b. July 14, 1778.

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10-5 CAPT. EPHRAIM HARRINGTON, (Moses), b. Feb. 8, 1765, m. Feb. 26, 1789, Prudence Leland (L), b. 1769. He d. May 29, 1816. Children,

1. SALLY B., b. July 11, 1789, m. Moses Marsh and d. May 21, 1807.

2. MARY P., b. March 21, 1793, m. Samuel Harrington.

3. MARTHA G., b. Nov. 17, 1795, m. Austin Holbrook (H).

4. PRUDENCE L., b. Feb. 12, 1799, m. Simon B. Whipple.

5. HARRIET F., b. Aug. 26, 1800, m. Luke Blake.

6. EPHRAIM C., b. 1809, d. 1812.

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FRANCIS HARRINGTON, (Edward, George, Robert), b. June 11, 1709, m. Nov. 16, 1736, Prudence Stearns, b. April 27, 1713, dau. of Lieut. Samuel ———, d. 1751; m. 2nd, Deborah ———, b. 1715, d. April 20, 1799. He rev. to Worcester and d. there July 18, 1793. Ch.,

1. FRANCIS, b. 1737, d. April 6, 1768.

MOSES HARRINGTON, (Moses, Edward, Edward, George, Robert), b. 1763, m. May 7, 1782, Hannah Prentice (P), b. Dec. 20, 1764.

CHARLES HARRINGTON, (Capt. Thomas, Capt. Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, George, Robert), b. Dec. 11, 1808, m. Aug. 19, 1829, Selena Wesson. Children,

1. CHARLES A., b. May 21, 1830.
2. THOMAS FREDERICK, b. Oct., 30, 1833, d. 1834.
3. DANIEL FREDERICK, b. March 5, 1835, d. young.
4. SARAH, b. March 15, 1836.
5. THOMAS, b. Feb. 6, 1839.

ELI HARRINGTON, (brother of Charles), b. May 4, 1817, m. Sarah Snow.

MARTIN HARRINGTON, (Jonathan, Capt. Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, George, Robert), b. Jan. 3, 1784, m. 1808, Lucinda Temple. Children,

1. HARRIET R., b. Sept. 11, 1809.
2. JAMES H., b. April 19, 1812, d. Sept. 13, 1831.
3. SUSAN M., m. Elbridge G. Harrington (H).
4. WALTER, b. July 16, 1816. 5. LUCINDA, b. March 2, 1819.

EMERY HARRINGTON, (brother of Martin), b. Oct. 18, 1791, m. 1813, Fanny Townsend, b. 1793, d. April 18, 1819; m. 2nd, Nov. 24, 1825, Lucy Bartlett. He rev. from Shrewsbury to Grafton. His second wife d. here; m. 3rd, April 6, 1830, Elizabeth Robinson. Ch. b. here by third wife,

1. ANDREW J.

ADAM HARRINGTON, (Col. Daniel, Jonathan, Capt. Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, George, Robert), b. Jan. 1, 1809, m. May 16, 1830, Nancy Wesson. Children,

1. NANCY R., b. Oct. 17, 1831. 2. HARRIET M., b. April 28, 1835.
3. GEORGINA A., b. Feb. 16, 1837.

SOLOMON W. HARRINGTON, m. April 8, 1790, Elizabeth Putnam. Children,

1. BETSEY, b. Nov. 11, 1790. 2. SOPHIA, b. April 6, 1793.
- He rev. to Conway.

WALTER HARRINGTON, by wife Melissa ———, had, child,

1. JAMES H., b. Jan. 24, 1842. He rev. to Worcester.

ALANSON F. HARRINGTON, of Shrewsbury, m. Aug. 29, 1837, Esther E. Crosby. Children,

1. ADELINE L., b. Oct. 27, 1839. 2. CALVIN M., b. Jan. 12, 1843.

#### MARRIAGES.

James Harrington and Hannah Goldsby, Dec. 21, 1737.

Franklin Harrington and Phebe Goodnow, April 3, 1829.

Samuel Harrington 2nd, and Elizabeth Leggate, Nov. 28, 1834.

Nathan S. Harrington and Aurelia Crosby, March 31, 1836.

**HEYWOOD, (Haywood).**

JOHN HAYWOOD was proprietor in Watertown, 1637 and in 1642; was admitted to Dedham church from Watertown, Jan. 19, 1649-50. He probably had no children, and probably was one whom Dea. Simon Stone, in his will, calls "my brother Haywood." According to his inventory he had lands in Watertown, Dedham and Charlestown.

LEVI HEYWOOD, b. 1777, m. Hannah Leland (L). He d. Sept. 17, 1804. Children,

- 5 1. CHARLES L., b. Nov. 2, 1800, m. Catherine Phillips and Sarah Baker.
2. LEVI C., b. 1802, d. May 4, 1805.
- 1 3. LEVI C., b. April 23, 1805, m. Sarah B. Stow and ———.

BENJAMIN HEYWOOD, (brother of Levi), m. his brother's widow, Hannah (Leland) Heywood, b. June 18, 1779, d. Dec. 27, 1834. Children,

- 2 1. BENJAMIN, b. April 1, 1807, m. I. Abby Dennis.
2. HANNAH L., b. Dec. 23, 1809, m. John M. Case.
3. MARY R., b. Dec. 23, 1812, m. ——— Talcott.
4. JOSEPH L., b. Aug. 1, 1815, m. Serepta Blodgett.
5. SABRA L., b. Sept. 8, 1817, m. Benjamin F. Baker.
6. SARAH M., b. Sept. 17, 1820, m. Oliver Kimball.

1-3 LEVI C. HEYWOOD, (Levi), b. April 23, 1805, m. Oct. 31, 1827, Sarah B. Stowe (S), b. Jan. 7, 1806, d. Dec. 20, 1867; m. 2nd, ———. He d. Jan. 4, 1873. Children,

1. SARAH M., b. Dec. 13, 1828, m. Joseph D. Elliot (E).
2. E. L. FRANKLIN, b. Aug. 9, 1830, d. unm.

2-1 BENJAMIN HEYWOOD, (Benjamin), b. April 1, 1807, m. I. Abby Dennis. Children,

1. BENJAMIN H., b. Jan. 9, 1845.
2. MARY AGNES, b. Nov. 21, 1846, d. in Chicago, Ill., unm.
3. EDWARD W., b. Jan. 24, 1841. 4. ALBERT, b. Sept. 16, 1855.

AUGUSTUS HEYWOOD, m. May 16, 1827, Mary G. Bixby, b. June 6, 1805. He was a shoe manufacturer here. Children,

1. PAULINE, b. Aug. 29, 1829. 2. MARY E., b. Aug. 5, 1830.

5-1 CHARLES L. HEYWOOD, (Levi), b. Nov. 21, 1800, m. Jan. 20, 1827, Catherine Phillips (P), b. April 7, 1807, d. July 30, 1840. Children,

1. CATHERINE A., b. Dec. 22, 1827, m. A. R. Briggs, res. San Francisco, Cal.
2. CHARLES P., b. April 27, 1833. He res. in Hannibal, Mo., where he is an internal revenue collector.

**HOLBROOK.**

The name of Holbrooke is ancient and distinguished, and in the English world it has long since attained a wide range. Of the origin of the name I find nothing. Many Holbrooks were in New England early. Hitherto all attempts to trace and reduce them to one family have resulted in despair. John Holbrooke, the ancestor, came from England and settled in Weymouth, in that part called Old Spain.

JOHN HOLBROOK, (John, Thomas, John), b. March 22, 1694, m. March 13, 1718, Ruth Hill, d. May 12, 1747; m. 2nd, Dec. 22, 1748, Elizabeth Eager, d. July 16, 1750. He was born in Weymouth, and is



- presumed to have settled first on the homestead, by Holbrook's Mills, and to have sold to his brothers, Jonathan and Joshua, who held the place in common, until both had deceased, which was the occasion of much trouble to heirs, administrators and guardians. He moved to Mendon, and from there here. He d. May 6, 1756. Children,
- 1 1. WILLIAM, b. May 24, 1719, m. Sarah Batcheller.
  2. SILENCE, b. March 23, 1723, m. ——— Goodale.
  3. RUTH, b. Dec. 28, 1726, m. ——— Eames.
  4. ELIZABETH, b. June 6, 1730, d. unm. 1756.
  - 2 5. JOHN, b. Aug. 28, 1733, m. Abigail Warren.
  6. SARAH, b. Jan. 18, 1734.
  - 3 7. MOSES, b. Sept. 14, 1738, m. Mary Whipple.
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- 1-1 WILLIAM HOLBROOK, (John, John, Thomas, John), b. May 24, 1719, m. May 15, 1753, Sarah Batcheller. Children,
1. SARAH, b. March 4, 1754. 2. HANNAH, b. April 13, 1757.
  3. JOSIAH, b. April 15, 1759, m. Feb. 26, 1784, Mary Sherman; 2nd, Jan. 18, 1787, Ann Sherman, d. Sept. 4, 1793, res. in Sutton.
  4. NATHANIEL, b. May 23, 1761. 5. ANNA, b. May 20, 1763.
  6. MARY, b. Sept. 22, 1765.
  - 4 7. STEPHEN, b. Oct. 8, 1767, m. Sally Goddard.
  8. ASA, b. Oct. 16, 1769. 9. MARTHA, b. Dec. 7, 1771.
  10. PATTY, b. June 27, 1778, m. Robert Cunningham.
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- 2-5 JOHN HOLBROOK, (John, John, Thomas, John), b. Aug. 28, 1733, m. Jan. 16, 1758, Abigail Warren (W), b. 1734, d. 1797. Children,
1. JOHN H., b. April 24, 1759. 2. SARAH, b. March 5, 1762.
  3. EZRA, b. June 2, 1763.
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- 3-7 MOSES HOLBROOK, (John, John, Thomas, John), b. Sept. 14, 1738, m. Mary Whipple (W), b. May 15, 1738. He d. March 26, 1802. Ch.,
- 5 1. MOSES, b. Oct. 28, 1761, m. Sally Mellen.
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- 4-7 STEPHEN HOLBROOK, (William, John, John, Thomas, John), b. Oct. 8, 1767, m. May 16, 1798, Sally Goddard (G), b. Aug. 16, 1777, d. Jan. 30, 1822. He d. May 26, 1850. Children,
1. POLLY, b. Aug. 3, 1799, m. April 13, 1831, John Emerson; they had one son.
  2. LEWIS, b. Oct. 16, 1800, m. April 2, 1857, Sophia A. Hall, b. April 15, 1822, s. p.
  3. JOSIAH, b. Oct. 18, 1802, m. Jan. 26, 1835, Cynthia Barnes.
  4. ASENETH, b. Aug. 1, 1805, m. David Woodward.
  - 6 5. WILLIAM, b. July 9, 1807, m. Adaline Pratt.
  6. SALLY B., b. Aug. 20, 1809, m. Stephen Harrington.
  7. MARTHA P., b. Jan. 19, 1812, d. 1879.
- "She married Judson Southland, Esq., in 1856, since which she has presided over the Southland home, commanding the confidence and love of all who were so favored as to come under the influence of that domestic circle. Notably quiet and unobtrusive, abounding in tender sympathy and Christian affection, she devoted herself to the duties of home, church and society, with an earnestness and self-sacrificing spirit few equal, and none surpass. To the children of her beloved husband, by a former wife, she consecrated her never tiring energies, with a devotion seldom evinced by one inexperienced in the tender ties of maternity."—*Jamestown (N. Y.) Journal*.
8. HANNAH G., b. June 12, 1814, m. Orra Goodell.
  9. STEPHEN E., b. April 23, 1816, m. Ann Case.



- 5-1 MOSES HOLBROOK, (Moses, John, John, Thomas, John), b. Oct. 28, 1767, m. Jan. 24, 1792, Sally Mellen. He d. Jan. 1, 1808. Children,
- 7 1. AUSTIN, b. Sept. 27, 1792, m. Martha G. Harrington.  
 2. ROBERT M., b. May 10, 1794, m. Dec. 17, 1816, Clarissa J. Pierce.  
 3. PUAH, b. Oct. 2, 1796. 4. SALLY, b. May 6, 1798.  
 5. MARY W., b. May 6, 1800, d. Oct. 7, 1815.  
 6. MARTHA, b. March 14, 1802. 7. CANDACE, b. March 4, 1804.
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- 6-5 WILLIAM HOLBROOK, (Stephen, William, John, John, Thomas, John), b. July 9, 1807, m. Nov. 22, 1832, Adaline Pratt, b. 1808. He d. July 4, 1856. Children,
1. EDWARD W., b. Nov. 12, 1833, d. April 5, 1834.  
 2. ANGELINE E., b. Oct. 28, 1835, m. George M. Smith.
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- 7-1 AUSTIN HOLBROOK, (Moses, Moses, John, John, Thomas, John), b. Sept. 27, 1792, m. Nov. 28, 1816, Martha G. Harrington (H), b. 1795. He res. on the place first improved by his great-grandfather, John, who came from Mendon. He was a highly respected citizen. Children,
1. MARTHA H., b. April 19, 1818, m. Lorenzo Leland, res. in Ottawa, Ill.  
 1½. SARAH C., b. July 29, 1820, d. Jan. 17, 1821.  
 2. CHARLES A., b. Dec. 6, 1821, m. Sarah W. McNamard, res. Worcester, (see lawyers).  
 3. GEORGE M., b. Oct. 28, 1823, res. in Chicago, Ill.  
 4. ANN F., b. Sept. 6, 1825, d. May 5, 1854.
- 8 5. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 8, 1828, m. Sarah F. Fowler.  
 6. FREDERICK, b. Oct. 28, 1830, a merchant, res. in Ottawa, Ill.  
 7. FERDINAND, b. Nov. 21, 1833, res. in Geneseo, Ill.  
 8. BENJAMIN E., b. May 21, 1835, res. in Worcester.  
 9. JOHN M., b. March 12, 1838, unm.
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- 8-5 WILLIAM HOLBROOK, (Austin, Moses, Moses, John, John, Thomas, John), b. Dec. 8, 1828, m. Jan. 6, 1858, Sarah F. Fowler, b. Feb. 7, 1831. Children,
1. FRANK A., b. March 30, 1861.  
 2. MARCIA F., b. Jan. 6, 1871, d. Sept. 5, 1871.  
 3. HELEN F., }  
 4. SUSIE W., } b. Sept. 4, 1872.

### HOWE.

JOHN HOWE, resided first perhaps at Watertown, and afterwards at Sudbury, where he was in 1639. He was admitted freeman in 1640. He d. in Marlborough, in 1687, and his wife Mary d. about the same time. In 1642, he was selectman in Sudbury, and in 1655, was appointed by the pastor and selectmen "to see to the restraining of youth on the Lord's day." John Howe opened the first public house in the place. About 1670, we find his petition for a renewal of his license.

NEHEMIAH HOW, (Samuel, John), b. in Sudbury, m. Margaret ———, and had, children,

- 1 1. JOSHUA, b. Oct. 11, 1716, m. Lydia Robbins.  
 2. SUBMIT, b. March 4, 1718.  
 3. CALEB, b. Jan. 30, 1720, d. June 2, 1721.  
 4. EASTER, b. April 25, 1722. 5. CALEB, b. Dec. 31, 1723.

6. SARAH, b. July 13, 1725. 7. SAMUEL, b. June 15, 1727.  
 8. EDWARD, b. May 28, 1728. 9. ABNER, b. Oct. 20, 1731.  
 10. HANNAH, b. Nov. 29, 1733. 11. MARY, b. April 12, 1735.  
 12. MARTHA, b. Sept. 16, 1738.

- 1-1 JOSHUA HOW, (Nehemiah, Samuel, John), b. Oct. 11, 1716, m. July 21, 1735-6, Lydia Robbins. Children,  
 1. NEHEMIAH, b. Feb. 5, 1736-7. 2. JOSHUA, b. Aug. 1, 1738-9.

STEPHEN HOW, (Benjamin, Benjamin, John, Isaac, John), b. Sept. 13, 1789, m. Patty Stowe.

LEMUEL HOWE, (Luther, Eleazer, Eleazer, John), b. Aug. 26, 1792, m. April 7, 1813, Sally Jones, d. 1878. He d. June 5, 1863.

He was born in Marlborough, and removed to this town in 1828; until his health failed he was engaged in farming. He was a very industrious man, retiring in his disposition, and died greatly respected by his fellow-citizens. Children,

- 2 1. MARTIN R., b. Aug. 1, 1820, m. Pollina S. Bosworth.  
 2. SARAH J., b. Jan. 14, 1822, m. John Rice.  
 3. SAMUEL W., b. July 19, 1824, d. Sept. 19, 1852.  
 4. ELIJAH F., b. March 7, 1830, d. Aug. 2, 1831.  
 3 5. E. FRANK, b. Sept. 19, 1832, m. Frances F. Gates.

- 2-1 MARTIN R. HOWE, (Lemuel, Luther, Eleazer, Eleazer, John), b. Aug. 1, 1820, m. March 16, 1842, Pollina S. Bosworth, b. Oct. 24, 1823. He has been sexton of the First Baptist Church for the past twenty-two years. Children,

- 4 1. EDWIN A., b. March 6, 1843, m. Alvestie K. Wood.  
 2. HENRY M., b. Feb. 13, 1845, d. Sept. 19, 1847.  
 3. EMMA A., b. May 14, 1847, m. Edmond C. Cottle.  
 4. LOUISA M., b. June 10, 1849, m. William G. Bradley.  
 5. HATTIE M., b. Dec. 22, 1851, m. Lowell H. Davis.  
 6. MYRA P., b. Oct. 17, 1855, d. Jan. 17, 1859.  
 7. FRANK M., b. May 10, 1858.  
 8. JENNIE F., b. Aug. 26, 1860, d. March 6, 1876.  
 9. MARY B., b. Dec. 22, 1862. 10. NETTIE B., b. April 11, 1870.

- 3-5 REV. E. FRANK HOWE, (Lemuel, Luther, Eleazer, Eleazer, John), b. Sept. 19, 1832, m. 1861, Frances F. Gates. He spent the first eighteen years of his life on his father's farm, assisting him in his farm labors and in his shoemaker's shop. Having an ambition for an education he fitted for college, beginning in his native town and completing his preparatory studies at Monson Academy. He entered Yale College in 1855, and graduated in the class of 1859, ranking as third in his class. During his collegiate course he taught school for pecuniary assistance. He studied Theology at Yale and Princeton Colleges, and two years after graduation, in 1861, he began preaching in South Canaan, Conn., where he was ordained in 1862, and remained till 1865. He studied with the purpose of becoming a foreign missionary. At this time he made application to the Board of Foreign Missions for an appointment. He was accepted and invited to Boston, for consultation in reference to his destination, when his mother was taken sick, which prevented his going abroad. This year, 1862, he accepted the call to South Canaan. In 1865, he received a call to the First Congregational Church in

Terre Haute, Ind., the largest and strongest church of this order in the State. In 1875, his health having failed from overwork, he went abroad for five months. Though improved by the trip, yet when he again resumed regular professional work his old troubles returned, and in July, 1876, he was obliged to resign his charge, not intending to preach again for at least a year. In October of this year, however, he began his labors with the Central Congregational Church, of Newtonville, where he was installed in December, 1876. He says: "As the greatest honor of my life, I regard the invitation of my native town, as a 'Grafton boy,' to deliver the oration at her Centennial celebration in 1876." To which excellent address the compiler has been greatly indebted for much information.

4-1 EDWIN A. HOWE, (Martin R., Lemuel, Luther, Eleazer, Eleazer, John), b. Mar. 6, 1843, m. Mar. 28, 1867, Alvestie K. Wood, b. Jan. 16, 1847. Children,

1. MINNIE G., b. Jan. 22, 1869. 2. MABLE L., b. Feb. 20, 1872.  
3. HARRY E., b. Aug. 20, 1874.

#### MARRIAGES.

John P. How and Mary W. Putnam, Oct. 12, 1830.

Adolphus How and Lucretia G. Fairbanks, Dec. 7, 1834.

#### KEITH.

ROBERT KEITH, born in the County of Caithness, in the northern part of Scotland, during the latter part of the tenth century, was the first member of the Keith family known to authentic history. We may, however, learn from the teachings of ethnology, the early traditions of Scotland, and from the scattered fragments of ancient history, that the ancestors of this well-known Scottish family were a portion of the nomadic race, which, long before the Christian era, migrated from the region lying around the Caspian Sea, moving westward till they finally reached the borders of the Rhine, and settled among the hills of Central Germany. They were known to ancient writers as a tribe of the Suivi, and were generally called the Chatti—a name signifying war or warriors.

REV. JAMES KEITH, the ancestor of nearly all the Keiths of New England, and of many others bearing this name in different parts of our country, was born at or near the town of Keith, in the northern part of Scotland, in 1643. He was educated at the Marshal College of Aberdeen, and on completing his collegiate course migrated to America in 1661. On the recommendation of Increase Mather he was called to be the first minister of a company of the citizens of Duxbury, which was formed for the purpose of settling the town of Bridgewater.

SIMEON KEITH, JR., (Simeon, James, Rev. James, Robert), b. in Mendon, May 6, 1742, m. Aug. 3, 1763, Rebecca Leland, d. Aug. 12, 1835. He d. Jan. 3, 1776.

After the death of his father, he resided during his childhood and early youth with his mother, who married for her second husband George Aldrich, of Mendon, from whom Simeon learned the trade of a blacksmith. He left his step-father when about eighteen years of age, and set up business in Northbridge, between Adams Corner and Saunders-

ville, where he became acquainted with Rebecca, daughter of Benjamin Leland, of Grafton, to whom he was married. On the breaking out of the Revolutionary war, he enlisted in a company of volunteers, under Captain Wilkinson, of Sutton, and marched to Roxbury, where, in the exposures of camp life, he took a severe cold resulting in a fever, of which he died January 3, 1776, a soldier in the service of his country. The place of his burial is unknown, but a memorial to his memory has been erected in the Old Cemetery, at Grafton. The inventory of his property, as given by his widow, Rebecca Keith, March 5, 1776, and appraised by David Wadsworth, of Grafton, Mark Batcheller, of Sutton, and Jacob Whipple, of Grafton, consisted of—

	£	s.	d.
A farm and buildings, worth . . . . .	54	00	00
Stock and farm tools, . . . . .	12	15	10
Iron and blacksmith tools, . . . . .	5	6	6
Saddle, harness, &c., . . . . .	6	18	9
Bedding, &c., . . . . .	5	1	0
Wearing apparel, . . . . .	3	13	4
Total,	£87	15s	1d

#### Children,

1. SIMEON, b. May 16, 1765, m. Olive Pond. Rev. to Chester, Vt.
2. ROYAL, b. Feb. 23, 1769, m. Deborah Adams.
3. SAMUEL, b. Mar. 13, 1771, m. E. Lathe and M. Ward. Rev. to Chester, Vt.
4. ABIGAIL, b. Apr. 17, 1773, m. Alpheus Deane.
5. REBECCA, b. July 20, 1776, m. Barnabus Sibley.

- 1-2 ROYAL KEITH, (Simeon, Simeon, James, Rev. James, Robert), b. Feb. 23, 1769, m. Dec. 26, 1797, Deborah Adams, b. Aug. 29, 1777, d. Dec. 13, 1857. He d. Nov. 13, 1857.

Royal Keith, on the decease of his father, was left with few advantages of education or opportunities of fortune. A poor soldier's widow, with five children, can do but little for her family beyond meeting the prime necessities of life. The children did all they could to aid their mother in the struggle with fortune—the girls and two boys remaining at home or working for the neighbors as opportunity offered, while Royal was sent to learn the shoemaker's trade with his uncle, Elijah Stanton, who lived on Pleasant street, near the Little Blackstone river. In the autumn of 1788, being then nearly of age, he left Stanton and went to Boston, to work for a Mr. Hammond, who kept a custom shoe store near Faneuil Hall. In the spring of 1790, he left Boston and returned to Grafton, where he soon commenced the business of manufacturing shoes for sale in the markets of Boston and Providence. On the 17th of April, 1795, having become well established in business, he purchased a house and seven acres of land of William Lamb, on the South road, a few rods from Grafton Common, now the residence of Dr. Thomas T. Griggs.

Royal Keith, of this town, was among the earliest manufacturers in America, of what were called "sale shoes," having commenced soon after the first tariff was laid for the encouragement of American manufactures. By well directed industry and perseverance he was enabled to reap a share of the great prosperity which resulted from the adoption of the tariffs of 1790 and 1793, the successful establishment of the new constitution, and other important measures of the Republic. The style of goods he began making were very coarse sewed shoes, which were



used by the laboring men around the large towns, or sent to Virginia and the Carolinas for the negroes. The sewed shoe was, in a few years, supplanted by a pegged brogan, similar to those now used. The demand for his manufactures was generally very good in the cities of Boston, Providence and New York, as well as in the Southern cities. During the embargo of the war of 1815, when transportation by sea was impossible, he sent an adventure overland in his own team, from Grafton to Richmond, Va., a feat more difficult at that period than to send them across the Continent at the present time. When he first began manufacturing he packed his goods in flour barrels and old sugar boxes, carrying them to market with a one-horse team, and returning loaded with leather and other supplies. As his business increased he had his boxes made by the neighboring carpenters, and transported his goods with a two-horse team, which manner of doing business he continued till railways were invented and nearly the present style of doing business had been reached.

It would be a curious history to mark the progress of the shoe and leather business of Massachusetts, from the period of small beginnings, when manufacturers like Royal Keith marketed their few hundred dollars' worth of shoes in saddle-bags and one-horse teams, down to the present year, when were shipped from Boston alone over 1,000,000 cases of boots and shoes, indicating a trade for the single State of Massachusetts of more than \$100,000,000, placing this great business in the front rank of all the manufactures of America, and making Boston the most important boot and shoe mart in the world. It would be curious to note the changes wrought in this business by the introduction of pegs in 1818, the use of machine-turned lasts in 1820, the pegging machine in 1840, the sewing machine in 1850, and the increased use of machinery and steam power in every department, till to-day boots and shoes are turned out as freely by the million pairs as they were formerly by the dozen.

Royal Keith was a citizen highly esteemed and respected by all who knew him, a man of strict integrity and great moral worth. He was temperate and frugal, possessing great powers of physical endurance, good judgment, and a strong intellect, laboring through a long life without knowing what failure or defeat meant. Always modest and unassuming, he never sought preferment, and probably never made a public speech in his life, but his judgment was considered so reliable that he was often chosen umpire among his neighbors, and appealed to for advice. He was several times elected to town offices, and served during the session of 1836 as representative of Grafton, in the General Court of Massachusetts. Children,

1. DEBORAH, b. Mar. 11, 1799, m. Sept. 24, 1821, Orray Taft. Res. Providence, R. I.
2. LOUISA, b. June 15, 1801, m. Daniel Kimball. Res. Boston.
3. GEORGIANNA M., b. Aug. 19, 1803, m. Jonathan S. Fisk (F).
5. CAROLINE, b. Mar. 3, 1806, d. 1806.
5. CLARISSA C., b. Feb. 12, 1807, d. 1812.
- 2 6. ROYAL A., b. Dec. 27, 1809, m. Lydia D. Fisher.
7. CLARISSA A., b. May 13, 1812, m. Hon. Isaac H. Southwick. Res. Providence, R. I.
8. CHARLES E., b. Feb. 5, 1815. Res. Needham.
9. SARAH C., b. Oct. 15, 1817, m. William A. Wheelock. Res. Oxford.
- 3 10. HENRY R., b. Jan. 5, 1823, m. Mary A. Leland.

2-6 ROYAL A. KEITH, (Royal, Simeon, Simeon, James, Rev. James, Robert), b. Dec. 27, 1809, m. Sept. 2, 1840, Lydia D. Fisher. Children,



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1. HERBERT F., b. Aug. 19, 1841, unm.  
 2. EDWARD W., b. April 23, 1843, m. Mary C. Dicks.  
 4 3. MOSES A., b. Jan. 23, 1845, m. Sarah A. Redding.  
 4. SAMUEL W., b. Jan. 23, 1847.  
 5. CHARLES W., b. April 19, 1849, unm.  
 6. ELLEN L., b. March 29, 1851, unm.  
 7. AMELIA T., b. June 27, 1854, unm.  
 8. JOHN F., b. Nov. 17, 1857, unm.
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- 3-10 HENRY R. KEITH, (Royal, Simeon, Simeon, James, Rev. James, Robert), b. Jan. 5, 1823, m. Dec. 7, 1854, Mary A. Leland (L), b. April 18, 1832, d. July 20, 1878. He d. April, 1865. Children,  
 1. JOSEPH L., b. May 19, 1857. 2. MARY A., b. May 20, 1862.
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- 4-3 MOSES A. KEITH, (Royal A., Royal, Simeon, Simeon, James, Rev. James, Robert), b. Jan. 23, 1845, m. Jan. 16, 1867, Sarah A. Redding, b. April 23, 1841. Children,  
 1. LOUISE A., b. Sept. 17, 1867. 2. EMMA C., b. Sept. 15, 1870.  
 3. ALICE S., b. Dec. 14, 1874. 4. ROYAL, b. July 1, 1879.
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### KIMBALL.

RICHARD KEMBALL, embarked at Ipswich, Eng., April 10, 1634, and settled in Watertown. The name Kimball now borne by so many families in this country, is undoubtedly a corruption, or variation of Kemball or Kemble, a common name in England. In the Watertown records it was almost always written Kimball until lately.

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- CAPT. AARON KIMBALL, b. 1729, m. April 5, 1753, Mary Brooks, b. 1736, d. Aug. 12, 1822. He d. Nov. 20, 1807. Children,  
 1. SARAH, b. April 10, 1754.  
 1 2. NOAH B., b. May 19, 1756, m. Persis Brigham and Mary Chase.  
 3. MARY, b. Sept. 15, 1758, d. Oct. 8, 1758.  
 2 4. AARON, b. June 29, 1760, m. Molly Goulding.  
 5. ASAL, b. Feb. 20, 1763, m. Feb. 13, 1786, Jerusha Elliott.  
 6. MARY, b. March 29, 1765. 7. ELIZABETH, b. May 3, 1767.  
 8. ELIJAH, b. Aug. 13, 1769.  
 3 9. LEONARD, b. June 18, 1772, m. Patty Baird and Anna Elliott.  
 10. HANNAH, b. Aug. 18, 1781.
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- 1-2 LIEUT. NOAH B. KIMBALL, (Capt. Aaron), b. May 19, 1756, m. 1775, Persis Brigham (B); m. 2nd, Dec. 12, 1782, Mary Chase, b. 1755, d. Aug. 8, 1806. He d. Aug. 21, 1806. Children,  
 4 1. OLIVER, b. May 9, 1776, m. Hannah ——— and Catherine ———.  
 2. POLLY, b. Aug. 7, 1779. 3. ANNA, b. July 30, 1789.
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- 2-4 AARON KIMBALL, (Capt. Aaron), b. June 29, 1760, m. Oct. 18, 1781, Molly Goulding (G), b. May 3, 1762. He d. Nov. 11, 1843. Children,  
 1. PATTY, b. Aug. 18, 1782, m. Jonathan Chase, res. in Walpole, N. H.  
 2. SALLY, b. Sept. 25, 1783, m. Dea. Albert Stone (S).  
 3. LUCY, b. June 17, 1785, m. Ebenezer Wadsworth and Solomon Hathaway. She res. in New England Village.  
 4. POLLY, b. Oct. 29, 1787, m. Benjamin Taft, res. in Northbridge.  
 5. JOHN, b. June 1, 1790, d.  
 6. ELIJAH, b. Nov. 1, 1792, m. Eunice White and Mary F. Hapgood.

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7. JOSEPH, b. June 4, 1793, m. Betsey H. Scott, May 11, 1820.  
 8. HANNAH, b. July 31, 1798, m. Benjamin Green.  
 9. JOHN, b. June 2, 1801, m. Betsey Brooks, res. in South Braintree.  
 10. AARON, b. Aug. 24, 1803, m. Sarah R. Grout (G), rev. to Boston.  
 11. JOSHUA B., b. Feb. 28, 1806, m. Nancy Grout (G).
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- 3-9 LEONARD KIMBALL, (Capt. Aaron), b. June 18, 1772, m. Sept. 15, 1793, Patty Baird; m. 2nd, April 19, 1797, Anna Elliott. Ch.,  
 5 1. DANIEL, b. Oct. 31, 1794, m. Louisa Keith.
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- 4-1 CAPT. OLIVER KIMBALL, (Lieut. Noah B., Capt. Aaron), b. May 9, 1776, m. Hannah ———, b. 1787, d. April 29, 1809; m. 2nd, Catherine ———, b. 1786, d. Sept. 13, 1819. He d. March 31, 1819. Children,  
 6 1. MARY, b. Feb. 20, 1803.  
 2. NOAH, b. Dec. 10, 1804, m. Martha Warren Brown.  
 3. HANNAH, b. March 10, 1808.
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- 5-1 DANIEL KIMBALL, (Leonard, Capt. Aaron), b. Oct. 31, 1794, m. Sept. 28, 1825, Louisa Keith (K), b. June 15, 1801. Res. Boston. Children,  
 1. DANIEL, b. Jan. 22, 1827, m. Adelaide Bachi.  
 2. LOUISA, b. Oct. 26, 1828, m. Charles H. P. Plympton.  
 3. GEORGE K., b. March 26, 1831, m. Frances E. Smith.  
 4. ANNA, b. Dec. 21, 1833, m. Thomas B. Wales, Jr.  
 5. LAVINA T., b. March 21, 1837, m. Henry C. Snow.  
 6. HERBERT W., b. March 3, 1840, m. Abby R. B. Kimball.  
 7. SAMUEL F., b. Sept. 18, 1843. 8. MARY E., b. April 11, 1846.
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- 6-2 NOAH KIMBALL, (Capt. Oliver, Lieut. Noah B., Capt. Aaron), b. Dec. 10, 1804, m. Martha Warren Brown.
- In the death of Mr. Kimball, Westborough loses one of her noblest citizens, and there was a universal feeling of sorrow among all who knew him when his death became known. His early life was spent in his native town of Grafton, where he was active as partner in the mercantile firm of Wood, Kimball & Co., and until 1837, he was engaged considerably in the manufacture of brogans and boots. He was an active and most devoted friend in the cause of temperance, and always foremost in the promotion of order and good morals. He twice represented Grafton in the Legislature, and at various times was the recipient of marked distinctions and promotion to offices of responsibility and trust, always evincing the strictest integrity in all his trusts. Some twenty years since he removed to Westborough, taking the position of superintendent of the old and extensive manufactory of J. B. Kimball & Co., in which office he remained till stricken with paralysis some three years since. A man ever industrious and active, of decided ability and genius in his business, he commanded the respect and esteem not only of employés and employed, but also the commendation of townsmen, neighbors and a large circle of friends. He was that noblest work of God—an honest man; among the hundreds of men who have been under his charge during a long and active business life, not one was ever heard to make complaint of unfair dealing on his part. —*Westborough Chronotype*.
- Children,  
 1. ADELIA D., b. June 8, 1829, m. John Q. Adams, res. in Westborough.  
 2. SARAH E., b. Jan. 23, 1831, unm., res. in Westborough.  
 3. FREDERICK W., b. Feb. 9, 1833, m. Susan F. Innis, res. in Westborough.

CHARLES E. KIMBALL, by wife Mary K., had, ch.,

1. CHARLES E., Jr., b. July 29, 1839, d. Oct. 7, 1839.

### KINGSBURY.

BENJAMIN KINGSBURY, (Nathaniel, Benjamin), b. in Dedham, 1776, m. 1798, Sally Brigham (B), b. Sept. 12, 1780, d. Aug. 26, 1870.

Benjamin was born in Dedham, Norfolk County. His grandfather Benjamin Kingsbury, settled in Walpole, in 1740, where all his children were born. His father Nathaniel was adopted by his uncle Nathaniel of Dedham, with whom he remained until 1812-13, when he removed to Medfield, and died in 1846, aged 97 years. He was much in public life.

Nathaniel, the father, was paymaster of a regiment in the revolutionary war; a Justice of the Peace for about sixty years.

Benjamin, when about fifteen years of age, went to Boston, and was employed by Whitney & Dorr, in their store, as clerk. When this firm began business in the old store located near the site of the present new Worcester street in Grafton, young Kingsbury came here as their clerk, and after a short time succeeded them in business. He died when about twenty-three years of age, leaving a widow and one son. He d. Aug., 1799. Ch.,

1 1. BENJAMIN, Jr., b. March 24, 1799, m. Hannah Stone.

1-1 BENJAMIN KINGSBURY, Jr., (Benjamin, Nathaniel, Benjamin), b. March 24, 1799, m. Nov. 16, 1825, Hannah Stone (S), b. May 23, 1804, d. May 27, 1872.

He was born in the old red house which used to stand on the site of Warren Block. His father died when he was but five months old, and the property was sold by an administrator to Jonathan Wheeler, Esq. In early life he went to reside with his grandfather Brigham on Brigham Hill, where he remained until 1825, when he purchased some real estate and moved on to it in the spring of that year; here he remained nine years, subsequently residing on the "Sherman Farm" (now Sweetser's) for twelve years. He then purchased one-half of the Centreville mills and privileges, in which he continued for fifteen months, when the property was divided he took the grist and saw-mills, and conducted them sixteen years. The opportunities for education in his youth were very meagre, indeed from six to eight weeks in a year in small districts often taught by incompetent teachers. It was not uncommon to have scholars in school that understood the leading branches which were taught well or better than their teachers. "I honestly believe I learnt more from books at home than from teachers in school. I never went to a High School a day in my life at the expense of the town. I went to Leicester Academy, eight weeks, and about the same length of time to Nichols Academy, but at my own charge." He has held many town offices, as many as any one now living in town. He was for a number of years the chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Representative to the Legislature.

Children,

1. SARAH J., b. Feb. 9, 1827, d. Jan. 30, 1832.

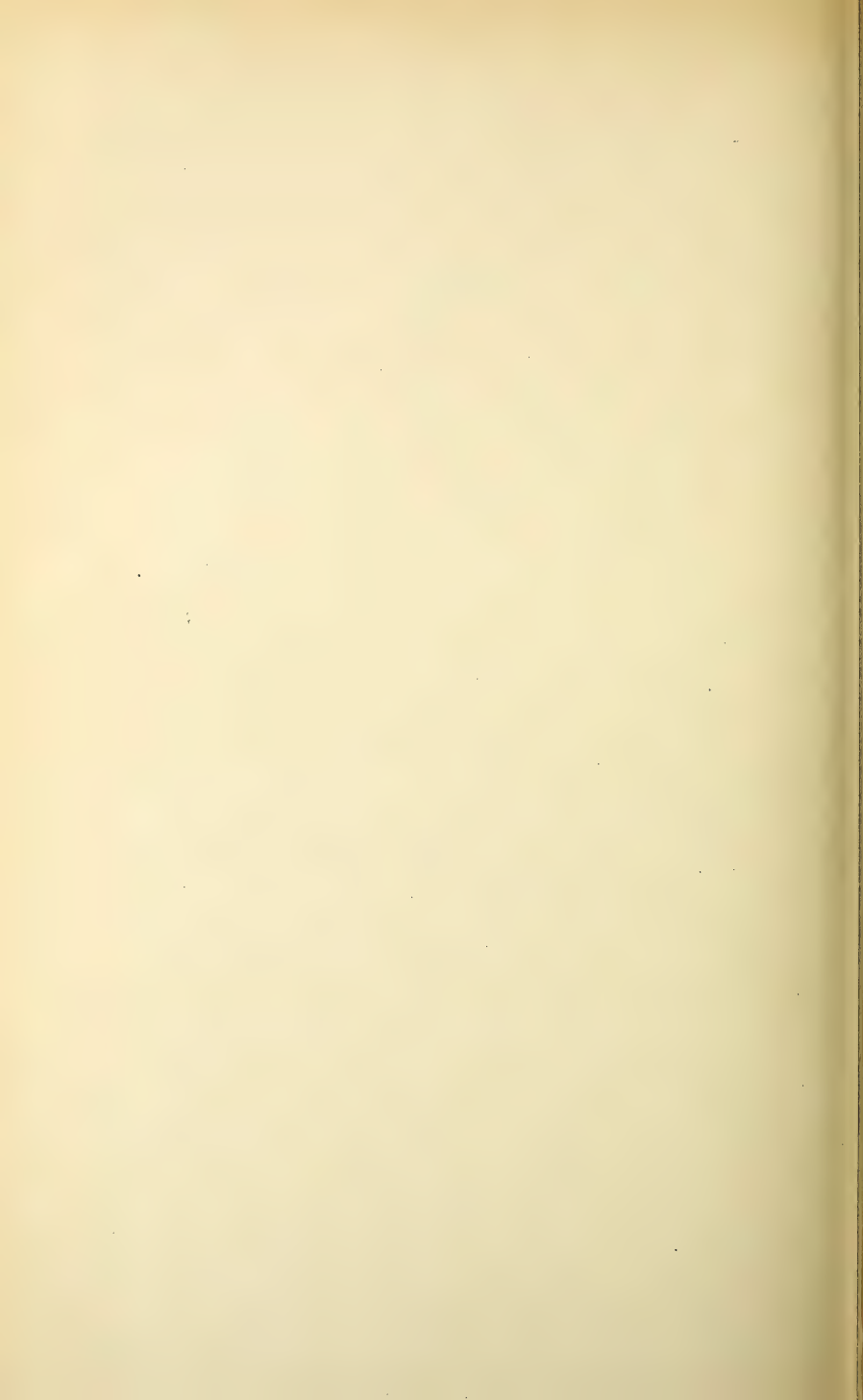
2. JULIA L., b. May 10, 1828, d. Jan. 31, 1832.

3. ALBERT B., b. Feb. 28, 1830, m. Sarah Fillebrown, rev. to Quincy, Ill.

Albert B. Kingsbury was born on the 28th of February, 1830, at Grafton, Massachusetts, and is the son of Benjamin and Hannah Kingsbury. During his youth he attended the common and High Schools of his native place; but while yet a lad engaged to work in a dry goods store in Worcester, Mass., and remained two years as errand boy and clerk. At the end of this time he spent two years as clerk in the fac-



Yours Respectfully  
Benja Kingsbury





tory and store of Wright & Morse, in Farnumsville; afterward two years at Gloucester, Mass., as clerk in a dry goods house. In 1852, being then twenty-two years of age, he moved to Quincy, Ill., and entered the boot and shoe house of E. K. Stone, remaining as clerk till August, 1855, when he purchased an interest in the business, which was conducted under the firm name of E. K. Stone & Co., till 1865. At this time his brother, Lyman E. Kingsbury, purchased Mr. Stone's interest in the business, and the firm was changed to Kingsbury Brothers. In 1866 the business was confined wholly to jobbing of boots and shoes, being the first house of the kind in Quincy. In 1873, the death of Lyman E. necessitated a change, and on January 1st, 1874, the firm was changed to Kingsbury, Blasland & Co., under which style it still exists.

Mr. Kingsbury is an Odd Fellow, and a member of the Masonic order.

In politics he has been Republican since the organization of that party, but is in no sense a politician.

He was married on the 22nd of February, 1859, to Miss Sarah A. Fillebrown, of Roxbury, Mass., by whom he has one son, *Albert B., Jr.*, born July 7, 1860 (who is now at Harvard College), and one daughter, *Carrie*, born December 17th, 1863.

4. HENRY W., b. Dec. 31, 1832, m. Annie I. Morey. Rev. to Custer, Pa.

He went to California at the age of sixteen, at the time of the first discoveries of gold there. Soon after he went to sea, visiting the principal ports of the world, and rapidly rising to the quarter-deck. In 1857 a vessel, which he commanded under a letter of marque from Nicaragua, went ashore in a hurricane in the Caribbean Sea, drowning all aboard except himself. He subsequently traveled extensively in the interior of Brazil, the Argentine Republic, Ecuador, Chili, Costo Rica and Honduras where he at one time owned a plantation. Since 1865 has been an oil operator in Pennsylvania. Is also interested in oil lands in Peru, which he visited in 1874, crossing the Andes from Arequipa, and boring for oil near Lake Titicaca.

5. WILLIAM B., b. April 24, 1835, d. Dec. 19, 1837.

6. HANNAH S., b. July 18, 1837, d. Jan. 9, 1844.

7. LYMAN E., b. July 17, 1841, m. Nettie Brown. Res. Quincy, Ill.

8. CHARLES E., b. Nov. 6, 1843.

He received his education in the common schools of his native town, and at the age of eighteen removed to Western New York; he subsequently resided in Quincy, Ill.; Hannibal, Mo.; Percy, Ill.; and finally located in Chester, of the latter State, in 1876-7. He is Treasurer and General Manager of the Chester and Iron Mountain Railroad and General Agent of two of the principal Coal Mines in that locality.

9. HORACE A., b. 1845.

He was educated in the schools of Grafton, and after being employed by Wood, Kimball & Co., here, and a firm in Westborough, in 1870 he removed to Titusville, Pa., and entered the employ of Gibbs, Sterrett & Co., as clerk, where he is at present residing.

10. EDWARD M., b. July 16, 1854.

He was fitted for college at Grafton Academy, and was graduated at Harvard University in the class of 1875; graduated at the Harvard Law School 1876; and the following year read law in the office of Hon. George F. Hoar, of Worcester. He was admitted to the Worcester County bar in June, 1879, and opened an office in Worcester the following month. He resides with his father.

## LELAND.

HENRY LELAND, the ancestor of the family of this name in America,

was born in England about 1625, and died in Sherburne, Mass., April 4, 1680. His grandson, James Leland, b. in Sherburne in 1687, m. April 5, 1710, Hannah Learned, b. Sept. 10, 1690, dau. of Dea. Benoni. He d. 1768.

When James Leland left Sherburne, in 1723, for the County of Worcester, the place where he settled was a new and uncultivated country. He acquired a large tract of land upon the Blackstone River, in the southwest corner of the township of Hassanamisco, and in the adjoining town of Sutton, now including a part of the villages, viz., Saundersville, Fisherville and Farnumsville. Six of his children were born in Sherburne, and five in Grafton. He established his place of residence on the eastern bank of the river in Grafton. All of his children, who attained the age of twenty-one, married and settled near him; Moses and Thomas in Sutton, Thankful in Northbridge, and the others in Grafton. From his large tract of land he furnished his sons with farms. All his sons but James remained at or near the places where they first settled through life. James, at an advanced period of his life, removed from Grafton to Ashfield, and after a few years he left there and settled in Hopewell, Ontario County, New York. Thankful resided in Northbridge, and after the death of her husband she went to Croyden, N. H., to reside with her children. Deliverance joined the Shakers, and lived with them in the northern part of the County of Worcester.

All the children of Jerusha Leland were born here. Her son James, soon after his marriage, went to Hardwick, and remained there through life. Jerusha, on her marriage, settled in Framingham. Moses was one of the first settlers in Croyden, N. H., and experienced, in full measure, those hardships and privations which are allotted to those who first settle new countries. In the latter part of his life he removed to Charlestown, N. H. Hannah, after her marriage, lived in Shrewsbury. Prudence lived in Grafton, Mass., Croyden and Newport, N. H. Elizabeth always resided here, and Susannah and Jemima, on their marriage, went to Upton, and remained there as long as they lived.

Moses Leland's children were all born in Sutton.

The children of Hannah were born here. Those of them that were married settled here, in Sutton, and in Conway. Sarah here; Hannah, Mary and Daniel, in Sutton; Elizabeth, Israel, Timothy and Caleb, in Conway; and they all remained through life where they first settled, except Caleb, who removed to Phelps, N. Y.

The ten children of Thankful Leland were born either in this town or Northbridge. Deliverance resided in Northbridge; Ezekiel, Lydia, Prudence, David, Sarah, Thankful, Mary and Samuel, went to Croyden, N. H., and all except Thankful always resided there. She married and settled in Charlestown, N. H., and Lemuel\* in Stillwater, N. Y.

The three children of Thomas were born in Sutton.

Children,

1. JERUSHA, b. 1710, m. Jacob Whipple.
2. THANKFUL, b. 1713, d. 1714.
- 1 3. BENJAMIN, b. 1715, m. Rebecca Parker.
4. MOSES, b. 1716, m. Dec. 11, 1738, Abigail Robbins.
- 2 5. JAMES, b. 1720, m. Lucy Warren.

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\* Rev. Lemuel Powers, Jr., resided in Stillwater, N. Y., and died there shortly after marriage. His daughter, Abigail, married Hon. Millard Fillmore, President of the United States.

6. HANNAH, b. 1722, m. Joseph Rice.
7. THANKFUL, b. 1724, m. Lemuel Powers.
8. THOMAS, b. 1726, m. Margaret Wood.
9. DELIVERANCE, b. 1729, m. John Maynard.
- 3 10. PHINEAS, b. 1730, m. Lydia Fletcher and Sarah Warren.
11. PRUDENCE, b. 1732, d. 1732.

- 1-3 BENJAMIN LELAND, (James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1715, m. Rebecca Parker. He d. 1790.

All the children of Benjamin Leland were born here; and all, except Deborah, Lucy and Benjamin, remained here through life. Deborah left here at an advanced period of life, for Cato, N. Y., to live with her only daughter, Lucy, who was twice married; lived in Sutton during the life of her first husband and until after her second marriage. She then resided here until the death of her second husband, and after his death she went to Worcester to live with her son. Benjamin sold his paternal estate here in 1795, and in 1804 removed to Weathersfield, Vt., and after residing there seven or eight years returned to Massachusetts, and settled in Barre, where he remained a short time, finally returning to his old home here. Children,

1. DEBORAH, b. 1738, m. Samuel Minard.
2. LUCY, b. 1740, m. Eleazer Fletcher (F).
- 4 3. LEVI, b. 1742, m. Phebe Barton, Anna Bellows and Sarah Moody.
4. REBECCA, b. 1744, m. Simeon Keith (K).
- 5 5. HANNAH, b. 1746, m. Elijah Stanton (S). Rev. to N. Y. State.
- 6 6. BENJAMIN, b. 1747, m. Sally Brigham.
- 7 7. EBENEZER, b. 1749, m. Molly Lyon.
8. MARIA, b. 1751, m. Eliphalet Smith (S).
9. TABOTHY, b. 1753, m. John Roberts.
10. SAMUEL, b. 1755, m. Abigail Gale.

- 2-5 JAMES LELAND, (James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1720, m. June 21, 1744, Lucy Warren (W). He d. 1807, in Phelps, N. Y.

James Leland's children were all born here. His oldest son, James, resided in Sherburne from 1769 to 1775. He went to Ashfield in 1775-6, where he remained for twenty or twenty-five years. He then removed to western New York and settled in Hopewell. Lydia married here and removed to Conway. Lucy married in Conway and removed to Phelps, N. Y. Abigail married here and remained during the life of her first husband. On her second marriage she went to Sutton, and continued there as long as she lived. Martha married in Conway, and settled there. Anna married and settled in Ashfield. Beulah married in Conway, and removed to Phelps, N. Y. Children,

1. JAMES, b. June 2, 1745, m. Feb. 22, 1770, Anna Gale.
2. LYDIA, b. Sept. 10, 1747, m. John Batcheller.
3. LUCY, b. Jan. 25, 1748, m. Caleb Rice.
4. ABIGAIL, b. May 23, 1750, m. Timothy Darling and Josiah Brown.
5. MARTHA, b. Mar. 24, 1752, m. Moses Hayden.
- 8 6. JOHN, b. May 4, 1754, m. Sarah Divine.
7. MERCY, b. Jan. 21, 1756, d. 1774.
8. ANNA, b. Feb. 6, 1760, m. John Fiske.
9. BEULAH, b. June 14, 1762, m. Jonathan Melvin.

- 3-10 PHINEAS LELAND, (James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1730, m. Sept. 19, 1749, Lydia Fletcher (F); m. 2nd, Mar. 12, 1752, Sarah Warren (W).

He d. 1773, and his widow then m. Ziba Abby.

Phineas Leland was appointed by Thomas Pownall, Esq., Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the State, Oct. 3, 1759, a Lieutenant of the military foot company commanded by Noah Brooks, in the third regiment in the counties of Middlesex and Worcester, whereof Artemas Ward, Esq., was colonel.

The eleven children of Phineas were born upon the homestead estate, which he received from his father, situated upon the Blackstone river.

Lydia married and died young here.

Joseph was in the army during a great part of the Revolutionary war. He entered the army as a private, or non-commissioned officer; was commissioned lieutenant in Wesson's Ninth Regiment, December 28, 1777; in M. Jackson's Eighth Regiment, in 1783. Was a member of the Massachusetts-Cincinnati Society. After peace was established he settled in Saco, Me. During the whole active period of his life he was connected in business there as a merchant. He was a judicious and discreet man; highly respected and much esteemed among the people of his acquaintance. He was once a senator in the Legislature of this State. He was, on one or more occasions, an unsuccessful candidate for a seat in Congress; but as, in the political divisions of his day, he belonged to the minor party in his town and county, he could not expect often to be a successful candidate for political honors. He was a man of quiet, domestic habits, and sustained an irreproachable moral character.

Joseph's wife was a sister of Gov. William King of Bath, Me., and of Hon. Rufus King. Her dau. Betsey m. Rev. Nathan Lord (gr. Bowdoin, 1809); Sarah, m. Abel Boynton (gr. Harvard, 1804), and Hon. Edmund Parker (gr. Bowdoin, 1803); Mary, m. Benjamin F. French (gr. Dartmouth, 1812); Harriet, m. William Richardson (gr. Bowdoin, 1839). Her son Joseph W. (gr. Bowdoin, 1826).

Thomas married young. He remained in town three or four years after his marriage. He then went to Conway, but finally returned here and continued to reside here until 1795, when he removed to Chester, Vt., and settled in a wilderness part of the town. The hardships and privations of new country life were his lot for several years; but by great effort and constant labor, in the course of a few years he reclaimed from its native wilderness a well-cultivated farm.

The widow of Phineas Leland married for her second husband, Ziba Abby, of Chatham, Conn. When she removed to Chatham with her husband, her two daughters, Sarah and Deliverance, accompanied her and both were married there. Deliverance remained in Chatham as long as she lived; but Sarah removed to the part of New York State now Oswego, where she resided until her death.

Joshua married here, but soon after his marriage, went to Chester, Vt., and settled in a new and uncultivated part of the town. He brought the land on which he established himself into a good state of cultivation, and continued there as long as he lived.

Caleb married here and continued to reside here for several years. But about 1800 he removed to Chester, Vt., and soon after to the adjoining town of Baltimore, where he continued to live until his death.

The second Lydia removed after her marriage to Weathersfield, Vt., and resided there for twenty years or more; then removed to Springfield, Vt., and resided there as long as she lived. Her husband was a Representative for three years in the Vermont Legislature; and also Judge of Probate for some time for Windsor County, Vt. Children,

1. LYDIA, b. Aug. 14, 1750, m. Nathaniel Batcheller.
2. PHINEAS, b. Jan. 28, 1753, m. Sarah Winchester and Polly (King) Rawson.



- 9 3. ELEAZER, b. Feb. 1, 1755, m. Elizabeth Sherman.
- 10 4. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 30, 1757, m. Dorcas King, rev. to Saco, Me.  
5. DAVID W., b. July 18, 1758, m. Polly Rawson.
- 11 6. THOMAS, b. Aug. 16, 1760, m. Lydia Sherman, rev. to Chester, Vt.  
7. SARAH, b. Oct. 19, 1763, m. Eliakim Goodrich, rev. to Oswego, N. Y.  
8. CALEB, b. Aug. 31, 1765, m. April 8, 1789, Lakin Willard, rev. to Baltimore, Vt.  
9. JOSHUA, b. Aug. 31, 1765, m. Thankful Sherman, rev. to Chester, Vt.  
10. LYDIA, b. 1767, m. Jonathan Whipple, rev. to Springfield, Vt.  
11. DELIVERANCE, b. 1770, m. Andrew Shepherd, rev. to Chatham, Ct.
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- 4-8 LEVI LELAND, (Benjamin, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1742, m. Phebe Barton; m. 2nd, March 13, 1777, Anna Bellows; m. 3rd, Oct. 12, 1780, Sarah Moody. He d. 1797. Children,  
1. JUDITH, b. 1775, m. ——— Bardwell.  
2. PHEBE, b. 1776, m. Amos Baker.  
3. ZADOCK, b. 1781, m. Lefe Morse and Betsey Hagar.
- 12 4. LEVI, b. Jan. 16, 1783, m. Sybil Forbush.  
5. SALLY, b. 1784, m. Robert Broderick. 6. REUBEN, b. 1787, d. 1790.
- 13 7. REUBEN, b. 1793, m. Lactetia D. Ellis.
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- 5-6 BENJAMIN LELAND, (Benjamin, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1747, m. Sally Brigham (B). He d. 1828.  
The three children of Benjamin Leland married in this town. Huldah with her husband, went to Springfield, Vt., in the year 1804-5, and after residing there a few years, removed to Weathersfield. Daniel left here 1803-4 and settled in Weathersfield. In 1813-14, he removed to Barre, Mass., and after residing there ten years, returned to Weathersfield. Benjamin was employed as a manufacturer of boots and shoes in this town, a few years after his marriage; he then removed to Boston and was in business there until 1816, when he left for New York, finally settling in Philadelphia. Children,  
1. HULDAH, b. 1774, m. Asahel Warren.
- 14 2. DANIEL, b. 1776, m. Mary Forbush and Sally Morgan.
- 15 3. BENJAMIN, b. 1779, m. Lucy Barnes.
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- 6-7 EBENEZER LELAND, (Benjamin, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1749, m. June 25, 1778, Molly Lyon. He d. 1837. Children,  
16 1. EBENEZER, b. 1779, m. Hannah Putnam and Eunice H. Bellows.  
2. POLLY, b. 1781, m. Ebenezer Burrell.
- 17 3. JOHN L., b. 1784, m. Sally Batcheller.  
4. SALLY L., b. 1788, m. James Alexander and Joel Monroe.  
5. JOSIAH, b. 1794, m. Sophia Dutton, Almira Slocomb and Marrady Neff.
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- 7-10 SAMUEL LELAND, (Benjamin, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1755, m. Dec. 10, 1778, Abigail Gale. Children,  
1. TABOTHY, b. 1779, m. Solomon Prentice, res. in Vt.  
2. ABIGAIL, b. 1782, m. Ezra Marble, res. in Sutton.  
3. NANCY, b. 1785, m. Elijah Hicks, res. in Charlton.  
4. SAMUEL P., b. 1787, m. Ruth Woodbury, res. in Charlton.
- 18 5. ROYAL, b. 1790, m. Margaret L. Roberts.
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- 8-6 REV. JOHN LELAND, (James, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. May 14, 1754, m. Sept. 30, 1776, Sarah Divine.



The Rev. John Leland, better known in the sections of the country where he resided as Elder Leland, was born here, May 14, 1754. He possessed a strong native vigor of intellect, and a genius purely original. He spent his early years with his father, who could afford his son no other educational advantages than those at that time furnished by the common schools of his native town. At the age of eighteen, his mind became deeply impressed upon the subject of religion and he made a public profession of his faith, by being baptized in June, 1774. At the age of twenty-two he married and with his wife moved to Virginia, where he resided fourteen years; while here he baptized precisely seven hundred persons. He returned to Massachusetts and settled in Cheshire, where he died Jan. 14, 1841. His wife died Oct. 5, 1837. He labored in Cheshire 67 years, "to promote piety and vindicate the civil and religious rights of all men."

Ch.,

1. BETSEY, b. 1777, m. John Barker.

He had eight other ch.; seven were b. in Virginia, and the other one in Cheshire, Mass.

9-2 PHINEAS LELAND, (Phineas, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1753, m. July 6, 1774, Sarah Winchester; m. 2nd, Polly (King) Rawson, b. May 30, 1779, d. Oct. 14, 1864.

Of his children Sarah Leland was born here, married and continued to reside here until her death. Susannah was also born here. Upon her marriage, in 1808, she removed with her husband to Boston. They continued to reside in Boston and the adjoining town of Roxbury for about ten years. In 1818, they removed to Philadelphia, where she died in 1819.

Charles was born in this town, married, and continued to reside here about twenty years. He removed from here to Madison County, N. Y., and remained there ten years, then went to Milwaukee, where he died in 1844.

Joshua W. was born here and resided on the farm owned by his father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He held the office of colonel in the militia for several years, and for one or two years was a Representative from this town to the General Court.

Children,

1. PHINEAS, b. 1775, d. 1777. 2. SARAH, b. 1777, m. Elijah Case.

3. SUSANNAH, b. 1780, m. Andrew Adams (A).

19 4. CHARLES, b. 1782, m. Mary Adams.

20 5. JOSHUA W., b. 1786, m. Polly Ryder. 6. CLARISSA, b. 1787, d. 1806.

7. CANDACE, b. 1791, d. 1811.

10-3 ELEAZER LELAND, (Phineas, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1755, m. Elizabeth Sherman (S). He d. March, 1827.

Prudence Leland, of this branch of the family, was born in Croyden, N. H. When she was about one year old her parents removed to this town. Here she resided with her parents until her marriage in 1799. She lived with her husband, Gregory Stone, in Weathersfield, Vt., from 1799 to 1810, the time of his death. She then returned to this town, and resided until her death in Westborough.

Salmon, born here, first settled upon a farm in Westminster; after a few years he removed from that place to Cato, N. Y. His wife was also a descendant of the Leland family, and was sister to the wife of his brother Luke.

Betsey resided here until her marriage, in 1814, when they removed to Barre. From there they removed to Cato, N. Y., where they resided ten years, finally settling near Alton, Ill.

Polly after her marriage removed to Barre. They remained there until 1843-4, when they removed to Bowling Green, Ky., where they resided until her death in 1846. Her husband, Tyler Adams, was a farmer. Her only son, George B. Adams, was a lawyer in highly respectable standing at the bar in Kentucky. He was educated in Capt. Partridge's Academy, Norwich, Vt.

Patty died here in 1830. She was born and always lived here. Her husband was Thaddeus Reed, a respectable farmer. He was a useful man in the town, and on one occasion he represented the town in the Legislature. His son, Hason L., gr. Amherst College, and A. B. 1848.

Children,

1. PRUDENCE, b. 1778, m. Gregory Stone (S).
- 21 2. JOHN, b. 1781, m. Abigail Parker.
- 22 3. SHERMAN, b. March 29, 1783, m. Elizabeth Adams.
- 23 4. CYRUS, b. 1785, m. Betsey Kimball.
5. SALMON, b. 1787, m. Ezra Mellen.
6. BETSEY, b. 1789, m. Rev. Jeremy F. Tolman.
7. POLLY, b. 1790, m. Tyler Adams.
- 24 8. LUKE, b. 1792, m. Sally Mellen.
9. PATTY, b. 1796, m. Thaddeus Reed (R).

- 11-5 DAVID W. LELAND, (Phineas, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. July 18, 1758, m. Jan. 21, 1778, Polly Rawson, d. Jan. 14, 1826, aged 68. He d. 1832.

Hannah R., was twice married and always resided here.

Mary m. John Page, a merchant of Beverly. She resided several years in Beverly and finally settled in Salem.

Sally always resided here.

Mahalea was married here and then moved to Vernon, Conn.

David W. before attaining his majority, went to Charleston, S. C., and early became a partner in the firm of Leland, Brothers & Co. He was an extensive traveler in this country and Europe, and was distinguished for his acts of liberal private benevolence.

Children,

1. HANNAH R., b. June 18, 1779, m. Levi Heywood and Benjamin Heywood (H).
2. MARY, b. Jan. 12, 1782, m. John Page.
3. SALLY, b. Dec. 17, 1784, m. Joseph Merriam (M).
- 25 4. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 24, 1786, m. L. M. Wheeler and Charlotte Merriam.
5. SABRA, b. May 27, 1789, d. unm. Nov. 7, 1856.
6. MAHALEA, b. Aug., 1791, m. John Wyman.
7. BETSEY, b. Sept. 27, 1793, d. March 5, 1795.
8. DAVID W., b. Feb. 18, 1795, m. M. W. Howe.
9. GARDNER S., b. Jan. 1, 1797. He was in business in Charleston, S. C., and d. of consumption in Nice, Italy, 1821.
10. PHINEAS W., b. Oct. 4, 1798, m. Parmelia T. Wood.

He entered Brown University, Providence, R. I., in 1821, but left college before the expiration of the usual term of four years and studied medicine with Dr. George C. Shattuck of Boston. He received the degree of M. D. at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me., in 1826, and practised his profession for some time at Medfield, Mass., but abandoned it in 1834, and removed to Fall River where he received the appointment of Collector of Customs from President Jackson. This position he held in all about twenty years, being reappointed by the successive democrats-

ic administrations. He retired from this office in 1860, at the beginning of President Lincoln's administration, and since that time has lived in retirement. In the fall of 1842, Dr. Leland was elected to the State Senate, and on taking his seat in 1843, was elected President of the same. This, we believe, is the only political office he ever held. He retained through life his early affection for the democratic party, and up to a very recent period has been a constant attendant at the conventions of that party.

The excellence of Dr. Leland's personal character, his large public spirit, and above all the high standard of his literary attainments gave him a marked individual prominence in our community. He was always interested in anything that tended to improve the literary taste of the community, and was identified with many plans to effect this result. He was one of the founders and for many years President of the Fall River Athenaeum, and when the public library was organized he was elected one of the Trustees, a position which he held till the time of his death. He served on the building committee of the City Hall, and delivered the address on the occasion of its dedication in 1846. He was always active and ardent in all literary enterprises.

Dr. Leland was for many years connected with the press, and his writings were distinguished for a peculiar piquancy and brilliancy. He was the editor of the *Fall River Patriot*, a journal which was started in 1836, and continued four years. He was also the first editor of the *Weekly News*, started in 1845, and since his connection with our journal was severed, he has been an occasional and welcome contributor. While a member of the State Senate, he contributed a series of articles to the *Boston Post*, entitled "Pen-and-Ink Sketches, from the Gallery of the Senate Chamber," which were widely read and admired.

He always delighted in the study of Indian history, and was thoroughly acquainted with all the Indian lore connected with this part of New England.—[From an obituary in the *Fall River News*, Jan. 24, 1870].

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- 12-4 LEVI LELAND, (Levi, Benjamin, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. Jan. 16, 1783, m. April 7, 1803, Sybil Forbush (F), b. April 13, 1783, d. Feb. 22, 1876. He d. May 23, 1848. Children,  
 1. LAURINDA, b. March 26, 1804, d. April 13, 1810.  
 26 2. LEVI N., b. Sept. 14, 1807, m. Experience Taft.
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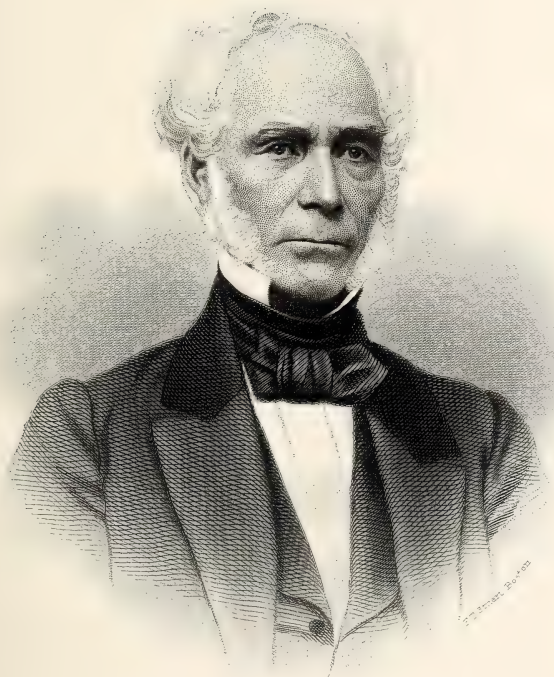
- 13-7 REUBEN P. LELAND, (Levi, Benjamin, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1793, m. Lucretia D. Ellis. Children,  
 1. CHESELDEN, b. 1820, d. 1843. 2. HANNAH L., b. 1826, unm.
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- 14-2 DANIEL LELAND, (Benjamin, Benjamin, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1776, m. Mary Forbush (F); m. 2nd, Sally Morgan. He d. 1832. Children,  
 1. PATTY, b. 1799, d. 1817 in Barre.  
 2. DANIEL, b. 1801, d. 1803 in Grafton.

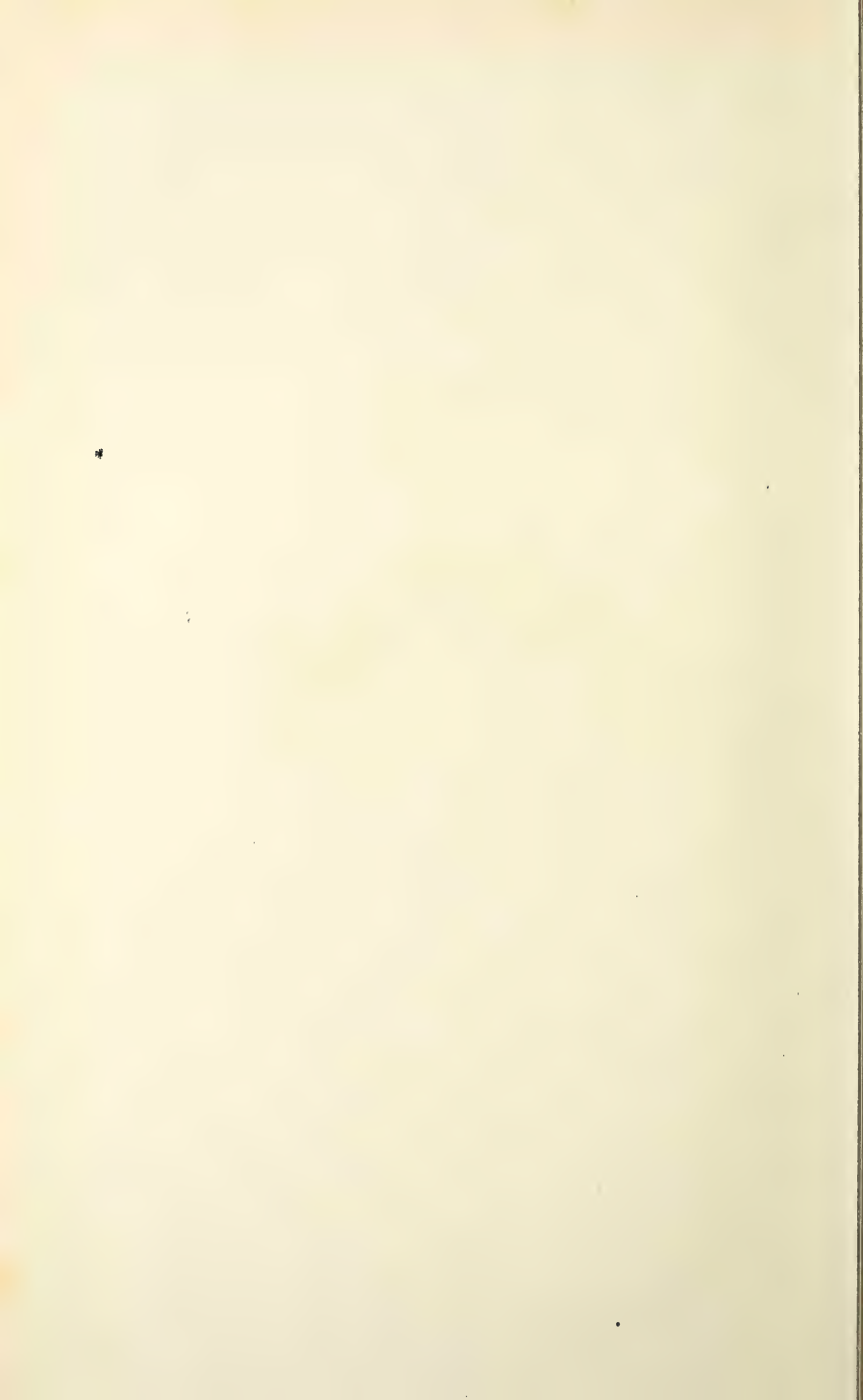
He had ten other ch. all b. in Weathersfield, Vt., to which place he rev. in 1804. His son Ira taught school in Grafton, between 1837-44. He graduated at Brown University, in 1833, A. M. in 1837.

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- 15-3 BENJAMIN LELAND, (Benjamin, Benjamin, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1779, m. Lucy Barnes. He d. 1842, in Philadelphia, Pa. Children,  
 1. BENJAMIN L., b. 1804, d. 1812.



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2. LUCY B., b. 1809, d. 1817, in New York City.  
 3. LUCINDA B., b. 1809, m. Nathan R. Suplee.  
 4. BENJAMIN L., b. 1813, m. Sarah A. Sheh mire.  
 He had three other ch. b. either in New York City or Boston.
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- 16-1 EBENEZER LELAND, (Ebenezer, Benjamin, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1779, m. Hannah Putnam (P); m. 2nd, Eunice Bellows. Children,  
 1. JAMES, b. 1803, m. Fanny Putnam.  
 2. EBENEZER R., b. 1806, d. 1828.
- 27 3. JOHN M., b. 1810, m. Mary A. Merriam.  
 4. BENJAMIN W., b. 1812, m. Sophia Trask.  
 5. JOSEPH P., b. 1814, m. Dolly Knowlton.
- 28 6. CHARLES F., b. 1816, m. Mary P. Knowles.  
 7. HANNAH E., b. 1818, m. James L. Martin.  
 8. SARAH P., b. 1823. 9. MARY J., b. 1824.
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- 17-3 JOHN L. LELAND, (Ebenezer, Benjamin, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1784, m. Sally Batcheller, b. 1783. Children,  
 1. MARY L., b. 1810, m. John Winter.  
 2. PRUDENCE, b. 1812, m. George Burford.  
 3. JOSIAH, b. 1815, m. Sarah Wright.  
 4. SALLY A., b. 1819, m. Stephen Devine.
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- 18-5 ROYAL LELAND, (Samuel, Benjamin, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1790, m. Margaret L. Roberts, b. 1801, d. 1844. Children,  
 1. ROYAL A., b. 1825, m. Caroline S. Howe, d. N. C. 1863, left one son.  
 2. HANNAH S., b. 1826, m. ——— Freeman.  
 3. ABIGAIL, b. 1828, m. W. D. Goodnow.  
 4. CAROLINE A., b. 1830, m. Charles Varney.  
 5. SAMUEL E., b. March 9, 1832, m. June 20, 1871, Maria A. Despeau, ch., *Walter A.*, b. June 1, 1873.  
 6. ANNE E., b. 1834, m. David T. Dudley.  
 7. BEULAH M., b. 1836, m. Daniel C. Brown (B), res. Binghamton, N. Y.  
 8. AMASA R., b. 1840, d. 1847.  
 9. JOHN W., b. 1844, m., and res. Brimfield, Mass.
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- 19-4 CHARLES LELAND, (Phineas, Phineas, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1782, m. Mary Adams (A). He d. in Milwaukee, Wis., 1844. Children,  
 1. MARY A., b. 1803, d. 1838. 2. CHARLES W., b. 1805, d. 1843.  
 3. PHINEAS W., b. 1807, m. Lucy Blanchard.  
 4. SARAH W., b. 1808, m. Charles Hart.  
 5. CLARISSA M., b. 1810, m. Hendrick Gragg.  
 6. CANDACE S., b. 1812, m. Hiram Lewis.  
 7. MARTHA R. b. 1814, m. Jonathan E. Waters.  
 8. ELIZABETH H., b. 1816, m. Silas M. Browne.  
 9. JOSHUA W., b. 1818, m. Mary A. Topliff.  
 10. NATHANIEL, b. 1820. 11. HARRIET S., b. 1822, m. Edwin R. Collins.  
 12. HANNAH C., b. 1824, m. Charles Hart.
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- 20-5 JOSHUA W. LELAND, (Phineas, Phineas, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1786, m. Polly Ryder. He d. without issue.
- Col. Leland was born on the farm which his father inherited from his grandfather in Saundersville. He received a fair common school education which he obtained from out of town schools. He resided at home

with his father until his death when he came into possession of the property. When the project of opening inland navigation from the waters of Narragansett Bay in Rhode Island to Worcester, through the Blackstone Valley, was re-agitated in 1822, Col. Leland was one of the prime movers. The charter was executed in this State, March, 1823. He contracted and built several of the locks. While the canal was in process of construction near his residence, he was induced to open a grocery store which he did on a very small scale in a building now used by Deacon McClellan for a carriage-house. His business increased rapidly, and finding the building too small for his requirements he erected on the bank of the canal opposite his house a building suitable for his accommodation. In the fall of 1831, he enlarged his store and erected a storehouse. At this time he was the owner of three canal boats which he managed for a number of years. Calvin Taft was connected with Mr. Leland in 1836-7.

On account of injudicious investments in Eastern lands he became greatly embarrassed, and suffered severely by the heavy losses. The old store which he used is still standing, and has been used of late as a tenement-house. He filled nearly all the town offices, from assessor to representative. He was quite popular with his fellow-citizens, and was always a Whig in politics. At one time he was a director in the old Wilkinsonville Bank. He served in the various offices of the State militia, from private to colonel, as follows: Sergeant, appointed Aug. 7, 1807; re-appointed, Sept. 15, 1814; Ensign, Feb. 25, 1815; Lieutenant, Sept. 28, 1816; Captain, Mar. 30, 1818; Major, Apr. 7, 1820; Lieutenant-Colonel, Mar. 21, 1821; Colonel, Apr. 7, 1822. This latter office he held two years, when he was discharged, at his own request, March 25, 1824.

- 21-2 JOHN LELAND, (Eleazer, Phineas, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1781, m. 1804, Abigail Parker. He d. in 1834.

After his marriage he removed to Springfield, Vt., and returned to Grafton in 1813. Children,

- 29 1. JOHN V., b. 1806, m. Adeline Axtell.
- 30 2. RODNEY, b. 1808, m. Orinda Carpenter.
- 3. ELIZABETH, b. 1810, m. Arvin Thompson.
- 31 4. GREGORY S., b. 1812, m. Hannah S. Roberts.
- 5. PRUDENCE, b. 1818, m. Nathan Chaffin.

- 22-3 SHERMAN LELAND, (Eleazer, Phineas, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. Mar. 29, 1783, m. Oct. 13, 1811, Elizabeth Adams.

Hon. Sherman Leland was born in Grafton, and worked on his father's farm until he was over twenty years of age. His schooling was limited, but at the age of twenty we find he taught a district school in his native town. He subsequently attended the Academy at Woodstock, Conn., and then taught a school in Brooklyn, Conn. In 1805 he began the study of law in Chester, Vt. In 1809 he was admitted to the Worcester County Bar, and began the practice of his profession in Eastport, Me., where he was quite successful. He was elected an ensign in the militia, and the next year a lieutenant. He represented Eastport in the Massachusetts Legislature in 1812. In 1813 he was appointed captain of a company of Infantry, and commanded the military posts at Eastport and Robinson, Mass. He removed to Roxbury in 1814, and opened a law office in Boston. He represented Roxbury in the Legislature, from 1817 to 1822. He was also a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, and on the separation of Maine from Massachusetts. He served on the most important committees while in the house, and was

at one time speaker. He was a member of the senate from Norfolk County, in 1823, 1824, 1828, 1829, and during the last two years was president of that body. He was often the chairman of the judiciary committee. In 1826 Harvard University conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. He was Judge of Probate of Norfolk County for over twenty years. In 1837 he was appointed Justice of the Peace of all the counties in Massachusetts. His children were all born in Eastport and Roxbury. He was the compiler of the "History of the Leland Family in America."

23-4 CYRUS LELAND, (Eleazer, Phineas, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1785, m. Betsey Kimball. He d. 1831.

He lived and died in Grafton. He was a very useful man in town. He was for many years one of the selectmen, and also represented the town in the Legislature for several terms. He was a captain, major, and colonel in the militia, and an industrious and intelligent farmer. Children,

1. CYRUS, b. Sept. 9, 1810, m. 1835, Sarah Ann Howard.

Colonel Leland was fitted for college at Leicester and Amherst, and entered the freshman class of Harvard University in August, 1828. He left in the senior year, probably on account of the death of his father, and did not graduate. He read law in the office of ex-Governor Davis & Washburn, of Worcester, and settled in Peoria, Ill., where he was admitted to the bar, and began his practice. In 1835, was appointed Justice of the Peace. Moved to Sauk County, Wisconsin, and settled in Prairie du Sac in 1839. Here he was postmaster in 1840; paymaster and colonel in the State militia; in 1849, member of the Legislature; in 1851-2, chairman of the Board of Supervisors. During his residence in this State he was engaged in farming, lumbering and merchandizing. In 1857 he emigrated to Kansas; was pretty actively engaged in the political affairs and troubles of that territory on the Free State side, and against the border ruffian element. Located at Troy in 1858, and opened a law office; was appointed postmaster, notary public, and on the breaking out of the Rebellion in 1861, he was appointed and commissioned colonel of the Second Kansas Volunteer Regiment of Militia, and in August, 1861, was ordered by the governor into the service of the United States, with his regiment, and continued on duty, in command along the Missouri frontier, until the 20th of January, 1862, when the regiment was discharged. In the summer of 1862 he was appointed recruiting commissioner for the northern district of Kansas; raised and commanded a regiment of recruits, which were mustered into the United States service in September, 1862, as the Thirteenth Kansas Regiment, Volunteer Infantry; was appointed quartermaster of this regiment, September 21, 1862, and soon after was assigned to duty as brigade quartermaster and commissary of subsistence in the Third Brigade of the Army of the Frontier; was post quartermaster and commissary of subsistence at Van Buren, Arkansas, in the winter of 1863; was present on duty at the battle of Cane Hill, November 28th, and at the battle of Prairie Grove, December 7, 1862, and during the Indian campaign south of the Kansas river, at the battle of Poison Springs, and at the battle of Perryville. Served as quartermaster of the Third Brigade, Third Division, Seventh Army Corps, General Steele in command, in his disastrous expedition to Red River and Camden, in Southern Arkansas; was at the battle of Prairie de Ar, and at the engagement during that campaign (spring of 1864), was slightly wounded at the battle of Marks Mills, by musket balls, on the head and neck; was quartermaster of the

troops and train at the battle of Cabin Creek, Indian Territory; was on duty during the Price raids, 1864, as brigade and division quartermaster, and present at the battles of Westport and the Blue Mine Creek; was again post quartermaster at Van Buren, Arkansas, in the winter of 1864. In March, 1865, was assigned to duty as quartermaster of the First Brigade, Seventh Army Corps, at Little Rock, Arkansas, at which place he was discharged, July, 1865, on expiration of term of service.

Since the close of the war he has resided on his farm, near Troy, nearly all the time, comfortably and pleasantly situated, engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Cyrus Leland was married to Sarah Ann Howard, at Peoria, Ill., in 1835. By her he had two sons and four daughters, all now living and having children.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Leland, his wife, died in 1874. In 1876 he married Mrs. Chloe M. Tennant, widow of Col. Sidney Tennant, a lawyer and graduate of Yale College.

2. LORENZO, b. Sept. 27, 1813.

Resides in Illinois, where he practiced law. He was in highly respectable standing at the bar. He was clerk of Lasalle County for a number of years. He was educated at Grafton Academy, and at Leicester. Married M. H. Holbrook.

3. JAMES, b. Aug. 13, 1815. He was a merchant in Barre. Married Harriet Dennis.

4. BETSEY, b. Aug. 29, 1817, m. Charles Prentice (P).

5. ELEAZER, b. Aug. 31, 1819.

6. MARTHA, b. July 21, 1821, m. Franklin Smith. Res. Barre.

7. RUSSELL, b. June 8, 1823, d. 1840, at sea.

8. JULIA, b. Aug. 26, 1825, m. Leander Stockwell.

He was born in Sutton, and died here in 1877, leaving one child, a daughter. The following notice appeared in a Worcester paper at the time of his death: "The citizens of Grafton were startled last evening by the announcement of the sudden death of Dea. Leander Stockwell. He appeared to be in his usual health during the day, and early in the evening went to the Congregational Church to lead the prayer meeting. He was in the act of opening the services when he was taken with vomiting, and as the case seemed serious he was removed to his clothing store, near the church. As he continued to fail rapidly, he was placed on a bed, and an attempt was made to carry him home, but he died before the house was reached. Deacon Stockwell was a public spirited man, of a generous and whole-souled nature, foremost in every good work, and a pronounced temperance man and worker. He was widely known and influential, and was at one time president of the Worcester County Musical Association. He had frequently held town offices, filling them to the general acceptance of the people. He was fifty-five years of age, and leaves a wife and one daughter to mourn his loss."

9. PARDON K., b. June 1, 1828.

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24-8 LUKE LELAND, (Eleazer, Phineas, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1792, m. Sally Mellen, b. 1792. He d. Feb. 6, 1875.

He resided in Grafton, and was an intelligent and thriving farmer. He was for many years much in the service of the town, in discharging the duties of many of its principal offices. He was often called upon to act as guardian to minors, and to settle the estates of deceased persons. He was, on one or more occasions, a representative to the General Court.









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RESIDENCE OF MRS. JOSEPH LELAND.

"He was one of the oldest inhabitants of his native town, and in which, in the meridian of his life, he held prominent official positions, all of which he filled with ability and integrity. He was a man of sterling moral worth, and was highly respected by his large circle of friends and acquaintances. In his death it can truly be said, that a faithful father and a kind and honest neighbor and fellow-citizen has fallen." Children,

- 32 1. JOSEPH W., b. June 14, 1816, m. Cynthia A. Slcomb.  
 2. SARAH M., b. June 14, 1817, m. Willis Works.  
 33 3. LUKE, b. Mar. 1, 1820, m. Submit Buxton.

25-4 JOSEPH LELAND, (David W., Phineas, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1786, m. L. W. Wheeler, b. 1799, d. July 20, 1828; m. 2nd, Charlotte Merriam (M).

He early left his home in Grafton for Charleston, S. C., in which city he res. for forty years, and was at the head of the well-known mercantile house of Leland Bros. & Co., the largest at the time in the State. He was very successful and was characterized by boldness of conception and energy in execution. Children,

1. MARY A., b. April 18, 1832, m. Henry R. Keith (K).  
 2. ELLEN E., b. Aug. 4, 1834, m. Hon. Charles L. Flint, who has for twenty-seven years, held the position of Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture; was born in the town of Middleton, in Essex County, Mass., on the 8th of May, 1824, the son of Jeremiah and Mary (Howard) Flint, whose farm was a portion of an old paternal estate that had descended in the family for five or six generations. Like most farmer's sons in New England, his early life was quite uneventful and given to acquiring the first rudiments of an education in the common schools and to the innumerable chores and lighter kinds of farm work which usually fall to the lot of country boys. These occupations, though often irksome and gladly shunned by most spirited youth, really constitute by far the best foundation for the practical education of life. The influences of the farm are healthful—mentally, morally and physically. Other things being equal,—that is, with equal natural gifts, equal advantages for education and mental discipline, and equal opportunities for advancement,—the boy on the farm, will, in the longrun, come out ahead.

At the age of twelve, when scarcely old enough to appreciate it, came the first great misfortune of his life, the loss of a devoted mother. This led to some change in the family, and at the age of fourteen the boy went to live with an uncle in the town of Norway in Maine, where, as he had previously done, he worked on the farm in summer and attended school in winter. At the age of seventeen, partly from the stimulus and encouragement of an excellent teacher, came an unconquerable love for study and a determination to get an education, and Master Flint repaired to Phillips Academy, Andover, a town adjoining Middleton, to prepare for college. Here, almost unaided and in the midst of many obstacles arising from the want of means, he fitted for college in little over three years, and entered Harvard in 1845. Here as at Andover he was wholly dependent upon his own energies, and under the necessity of earning enough to meet expenses, by writing for the press, by vacation work and by an infinite variety of ways which a busy brain can devise, so that he literally worked his way through college and graduated, not without honor and free from debt, in 1849.

This result was accomplished by accepting the offer of the mastership of a Grammar school with a salary of \$800 a year, during the latter half of his senior year in college, which he was earnestly advised to do by

Hon. Edward Everett, then President of Harvard, who took an active interest in his welfare. But teaching for life was not a part of his plan, and in 1850 he entered the Dane Law School at Cambridge, and spent two years there in preparing for the profession of law. Previous to this time, he had competed for the Bowdoin prize of forty dollars for the best Dissertation, open to the senior class in college, and had won it triumphantly with the strongest competition in his class, the subject assigned being "*The different Representations of the Character of Socrates, by Plato, Xenophon and Aristophanes.*" This essay was prepared in the midst of the laborious occupation of teaching, and gained for the earnest student the highest commendations from a wide circle of friends. At the same time, in his senior year in college, he had tried for the Boylston prize in Declamation and in this effort had come off second best, receiving a second prize.

While connected with the Law School he also competed for the post-graduate prize of fifty dollars for the best essay upon the "*Representative System at different Times and in different Countries,*" and won it.

At the end of two years spent in the Law School, he entered the office of a lawyer in New York City, studied the New York code of practice, at that time recently adopted, and was admitted to the New York bar on examination in 1852.

The State Board of Agriculture was organized as a department of the government by the Legislature of Massachusetts in 1852. It was designed as a representative body but intimately connected with the civil government, having the Governor, the Lieut.-Governor and the Secretary of the Commonwealth as members *ex officio*, three members to be appointed by the Executive, for the purpose of bringing a scientific element into the Board, and one delegate elected by each of the County Agricultural Societies; each member when elected to hold office for three years. Within the last few years the members *ex officio* have been increased by the addition of the President of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, and the State Inspector of Fertilizers, both of which positions were created subsequently to the organization of the State Board of Agriculture.

After the organization of the Board the first effort was to secure the services of a competent secretary. The position was thought to be one of great importance, as the character, reputation and usefulness of the department would depend very largely upon its executive officer.

Mr. Flint had previously become somewhat identified with agriculture and had gained a somewhat extended reputation by having received two prizes for essays from the Essex Agricultural Society, a diploma and bronze medal from the New York State Agricultural Society, etc., and the attention of the Board was thus naturally turned to him. When the offer of the position was first made to him it was promptly and positively declined on the ground that it would involve a complete and radical change of his plan for life, that his education had not been designed as a preparation for such a life's work as its acceptance would involve, and that his prospects in a Wall street lawyer's office were too flattering to be given up for any salaried position, however honorable. These objections were finally overcome by the committee, after much persuasion, and Mr. Flint entered upon the performance of his duties as secretary on the 14th of February, 1853. His record since then is familiar to all, his name having become a household word in every farmer's house in Massachusetts. In addition to his twenty-six reports, which are universally admitted to be the ablest and best in the country, he is the author of a valuable treatise on *Grasses and Forage Plants*, a volume of 400 pages, which has had a widely extended circulation; a treatise on *Milk Cows and Dairy Farming*, a volume of about 450





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*Charles S. Flint*

SECRETARY OF THE MASS. STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.





pages, ten thousand copies of which sold in less than two years; a *Manual of Agriculture* for the use of schools, half of which was written by Mr. Flint and the other half by Mr. George B. Emerson, and many essays and papers which have found circulation through the agricultural press. His series of annual reports constitute a very complete agricultural library of themselves. In May, 1879, he was unanimously elected President of the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst. He has been an officer of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, from its foundation to the present time, and has for many years been an active member of the school committee of Boston.

Mr. Flint was married on the 14th of February, 1857, to Miss Ellen Elizabeth Leland, daughter of Joseph and Charlotte (Merriam) Leland, of Grafton, and has three children: *Charlotte Leland*, born in Grafton, Dec. 1, 1858; *Charles Louis*, born in Boston, March 9, 1861; and *Edward Rawson*, born in Boston, Sept. 8, 1864. His wife died on the 25th of September, 1875, and lies buried in the cemetery at Grafton.

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- 26-2 LEVI N. LELAND, (Levi, Levi, Benjamin, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. Sept. 14, 1807, m. Nov. 29, 1827, Experience Taft, b. June 27, 1807. Children,  
 1. EDWIN J., b. Dec. 5, 1828, m. Annie B. Stow.  
 2. LAURINDA T., b. July 21, 1831, m. Sylvanus Morse.  
 3. CATHERINE F., b. Feb. 4, 1836, m. Joseph G. Weld.  
 4. SUSAN M., b. Nov. 7, 1838, m. Uriah B. Johnson.  
 5. MARY J., b. Nov. 7, 1842, m. Stephen S. Rogers.  
 6. SYBIL, b. Dec. 19, 1846, m. Charles E. Wesson.  
 7. LEVI N., Jr., b. July 4, 1850, m. Sarah Leonard.
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- 27-3 JOHN M. LELAND, (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Benjamin, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1810, m. Mary A. Merriam (M). He d. 1840. Children,  
 1. THEODORE, b. Jan. 17, 1837. 2. LOUISA H., b. Nov. 21, 1838.  
 3. JOHN M., b. Aug. 7, 1840.
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- 28-6 CHARLES F. LELAND, (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Benjamin, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1816, m. Nancy P. Knowles. Ch.,  
 1. LUTHER H., b. 1845.
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- 29-1 JOHN V. LELAND, (John, Eleazer, Phineas, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1806, m. Oct. 7, 1828, Adeline H. Axtell (A). Children,  
 1. OLIVE A. A., b. Aug. 22, 1829, m. Emons Rider.  
 2. THOMAS A., b. April 21, 1831, m. Mary J. Stratton.  
 3. ORINDA E., b. April 21, 1834, m. C. S. Bullen.
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- 30-2 RODNEY LELAND, (John, Eleazer, Phineas, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1808, m. April 3, 1833, Orinda Carpenter. Children,  
 1. ORINDA A., b. March 2, 1835, d. May 29, 1840.  
 2. MARY S., b. Nov. 13, 1836, d. young.  
 3. HENRY R., b. Sept. 13, 1838, d. young.  
 4. ORINDA A., b. Oct. 4, 1840, m. George A. Ferguson, res. in Westborough.  
 5. JOHN F., b. 1844, d. unm.  
 6. MARY S., b. Nov. 5, 1850, m. Lewis Stowe (S).  
 7. HENRY R., b. Oct. 4, 1853, m. March 11, 1875, Carrie L. Moore, b. Mar. 12, 1857. Ch.,

1. *Fred. R.*, b. Apr. 3, 1876.  
2. *Grace M.*, and 3, *Gertrude M.*, twins, b. July 5, 1878.
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- 31-4 GREGORY S. LELAND, (John, Eleazer, Phineas, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1812, m. Feb. 24, 1833, Hannah S. Roberts. He d. July 21, 1838. She d. Jan. 31, 1837, aged 23 years, 9 months, 1 day. Ch.,  
1. MOSES R., b. July 25, 1834, d. Oct. 25, 1834.
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- 32-1 JOSEPH W. LELAND. (Luke, Eleazer, Phineas, James, Ebenezer, Henry). b. June 14, 1816, m. May 28, 1839, Cynthia A. Slocumb, b. Mar. 31, 1820. He rev. West; his family still reside here. Children,  
34 1. CHARLES H., b. Aug. 27, 1845, m. Abbie M. Smith.  
2. FANNIE, b. May 25, 1853. (Graduated Oread Collegiate Institute, 1875).  
3. WILLIE E., b. Oct. 8, 1861.
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- 33-3 LUKE LELAND, (Luke, Eleazer, Phineas, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1820, m. Submit Buxton. Ch.,  
1. FRANKLIN H., b. 1846.
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- 34-1 CHARLES H. LELAND, (Joseph W., Luke, Eleazer, Phineas, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. Aug. 27, 1845, m. Oct. 9, 1876, Abbie M. Smith, b. Sept. 5, 1852, s. p.
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- TIMOTHY E. LELAND, (Timothy, Moses, James, Ebenezer, Henry), b. 1821, m. Louisa W. Eddy.
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- LEATHE, (Lethe, etc.)**  
ROBERT LEATHE, (lineage not ascertained), m. Eunice ———. Children,  
1. RHODA, b. June 26, 1743. 2. SARAH, b. Nov. 27, 1746.  
3. BENJAMIN, b. June 9, 1749, m. Sarah Stearnes.  
4. EZRA, b. Sept. 29, 1751.  
5. JABEZ, o. Nov. 19, 1752, m. Betty Hall.  
6. ZEPHANIAH, b. May 16, 1754, m. Lucretia ——— and Prudence Dodge.  
7. ASA, b. Nov. 14, 1761, m. Sept. 6, 1786, Priscilla Rawson.
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- 1-3 BENJAMIN LEATHE, (Robert), b. June 9, 1749, m. Sarah Stearnes, b. July 17, 1750, (dau. of Capt. John), d. Apr. 30, 1844. He d. Mar. 18, 1835. Children,  
1. EUNICE, b. Jan. 27, 1772. 2. MATILDA, b. May 17, 1773.  
3. ROBERT, b. Feb. 21, 1775; one of the most ingenious men and mechanics of the land.  
4. BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 7, 1776, m. Azubah Singletary.  
5. ZEPHANIAH, b. Mar. 2, 1778. 6. SARAH, b. Nov. 18, 1779.  
7. SOLOMON, b. July 25, 1781, m. Sophia ———.  
8. POLLY, b. Sept. 17, 1783. 9. NANCY, b. Aug. 11, 1785.  
10. CATHERINE, b. Oct. 2, 1787.  
11. OLIVER, b. Feb. 1, 1790, d. May 26, 1812.
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- 2-5 JABEZ LEATHE, (Robert), b. Nov. 19, 1752, m. Nov. 8, 1776, Betty Hall. Children,

1. JESSE, b. July 25, 1780. 2. RHODA, b. Oct. 16, 1782.  
3. MOSES, b. June 19, 1785.

3-6 ZEPHANIAH LEATHE, (Robert), b. May 16, 1754, m. Lucretia ———; m. 2nd, May 1, 1800, Prudence Dodge. Children,

1. SOPHA, b. Feb. 25, 1781. 2. JOSHUA, b. June 18, 1782.  
3. LUCRETIA, b. Sept. 9, 1784. 4. LEVINAH, b. Sept. 26, 1787.  
5. FANNY, b. Jan. 10, 1789. 6. SYLVANUS B., b. Feb. 9, 1791.  
7. GEORGE R., b. Apr. 28, 1793.  
8. ORIGIN, b. June 2, 1795, d. July 17, 1796.

4-4 BENJAMIN LEATHE, (Benjamin, Robert), b. Aug. 7, 1776, m. Azubah Singletery. Children,

1. MARY, b. Sept. 30, 1801. 2. JANE A., b. Dec. 4, 1804, d. Dec. 4, 1828.  
3. SARAH S., b. Feb. 23, 1807. 4. AZUBAH S., b. Apr. 30, 1809.  
5. BENJAMIN C., b. Sept. 24, 1811, d. Mar. 6, 1822.  
6. CERENA B., b. Aug. 12, 1814.

5-7 SOLOMON LEATHE, (Benjamin, Robert), b. July 25, 1781, m. Sophia ———, who d. Feb. 16, 1825. Children,

1. BETSEY T., b. July 26, 1805, d. Mar. 20, 1817.  
2. JAMES S., b. June 12, 1807.  
3. LEVI L., b. June 15, 1809, m. Sept. 28, 1831, Frances Marble.  
4. PERSIS S., b. Apr. 30, 1813, d. Oct. 23, 1817.  
5. ABNER T., b. Apr. 8, 1816. 6. SALLY C., b. Aug. 10, 1819.

### McCLELLAN.

Several families of this name came to America, probably about the years 1690 to 1700; but their residence, connections and genealogy are not fully known. They were of Scottish origin. One family settled in Woodstock, Conn. Col. Hugh McClellan settled in Colrain. Rev. Daniel McClellan was born in Pennsylvania, but resided in Colrain in 1769. James McClellan came to New England in 1718, and settled in Worcester.

JAMES McCLELLAN, (James), b. June 22, 1727, m. Feb. 2, 1758, Sarah Axtell (A), b. 1737, d. Sept. 2, 1805. He d. Sept. 11, 1794.

He purchased a farm in Sutton, where he always resided. This farm was owned by his son, Dea. James, and his grandson, Dea. John, until 1855, when he sold it to R. R. Dodge and removed to Saundersville.

Children,

- 1 1. JAMES, b. Aug. 8, 1759, m. Beulah Bacon.

He had three other children who died in infancy.

1-1 JAMES McCLELLAN, (James, James), b. Aug. 8, 1759, m. Nov., 1784, Beulah Bacon, b. 1764, d. Aug. 9, 1837. Deacon McClellan d. June 26, 1841.

He was for a number of years identified with the First Baptist Church, and was one of the principal members. Children,

1. BETSEY, b. 1785, m. Warren Marsh. Res. Sutton.  
2. SARAH, b. 1787, m. Rev. Jonathan E. Forbush.  
3. JAMES, b. Sept. 18, 1789, m. Fanny Fletcher. Res. Northbridge.

4. PATTY, b. 1791, d. Feb. 2, 1816.
  5. NANCY, b. Jan. 13, 1794, m. Rev. Job Boomer. Res. Fall River.
  6. MARY, b. 1796. 7. BEULAH, b. 1798, d. Nov. 22, 1815.
  8. LUCY, b. Dec. 4, 1800.
  - 2 9. JOHN, b. Dec. 8, 1806, m. Anna I. Daggett.
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- 2-9 JOHN MCCLELLAN, (James, James, James), b. Dec. 8, 1806, m. Oct. 4, 1834, Anna I. Daggett, b. Nov. 24, 1811.
- He resides in Saundersville, and is engaged in agriculture, having one of the finest farms in town. He is deacon of the First Baptist Church, and one of the most efficient members of that society. He has held the principal town offices, and was representative in 1866. Children,
1. JAMES E., b. June 16, 1838, d. July 7, 1863. (See civil war history).
  2. EMMA C., b. Jan. 21, 1841. A well known teacher; unm.
  3. SARAH J., b. Apr. 14, 1843, unm. 4. MARY T., b. July 22, 1845, unm.
  5. JOHN E., b. Sept. 5, 1847, m. Mary Bartshee. Res. Buffalo, Mo.
  6. ARTHUR D., b. May 21, 1850. (Graduated Brown University).
  7. LELIA A., b. Feb. 23, 1852, d. July 29, 1875.
  8. FRANCIS A., b. Dec. 24, 1854. 9. JENNIE I., b. July 7, 1857.

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**MERRIAM.** This family came from Concord.

"When the Indians were yet beating the old *Hassanamesit* hills for game, and their wigwams marked the course of the trout-breeding stream, the Merriams, among other pioneer whites, had begun the cultivation of that portion of the town to this day passing as the 'Merriam District.' While portions of the original homestead have passed into other hands, its fairest acres are still in the possession of the lineal descendants of Dea. Joseph. For four generations, beginning with the Joseph Merriam, the first settler, the first born was a boy, and named Joseph. Of these, in pious as well as hereditary descent, three have been honored officers in the old parish church of the town. The last surviving of the Josephs lives upon, and works his farm, within hailing distance of his ancestors' hearthstone. A simple mode of life, combined with industry and piety, has given unusual longevity to his family. Some seven years ago, the third in descent from the original Joseph was buried at the ripe age of ninety-eight years. His widow survives him, in full enjoyment of her mental and most of her bodily powers. The house in which she resides is some 130 years old, originally a story and a half high, running back with a long roof to a low studded kitchen. In 1763 it was raised to two stories, in which shape it now stands. One hundred and fourteen years ago the mother of the aged Joseph alluded to was married in the front room of this house. The air of quiet conservatism that throws a very halo about the homestead, is illustrated by the fact that the mirror which the bright-eyed bride of 1762 hung upon the wall of the room in which she was married, hangs still upon the same spot, and by the same nail, as faithful now as then, a reflector of beauty and monitor of pride."

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JOSEPH MERRIAM, (Joseph, Joseph), b. in Concord, 1709, m. 1733, Ruth Hunt, b. May 13, 1714, d. Aug. 17, 1749; m. 2nd, Dec. 26, 1754, Hannah (Paul) Wadsworth (W), b. 1717, d. Aug. 30, 1794. He d. May 5, 1797.

He was the first Merriam to actually settle within the limits of this town. Coming from Concord as a pioneer, he took possession of the



land purchased for him by his father, and slept the first night of his stay in the cleft of a rock, still pointed out on the old ancestral farm. This was then a part of the howling wilderness, and tradition still narrates concerning his manly and venturesome effort in reducing the forest to fields of fertility and smiling peace.

Dea. Joseph Merriam sustained an unblemished character, was in office of deacon for fifty-five years, and was the last of the original settlers to die. Children,

1. JOSEPH, b. Sept. 19, 1734, m. Sally Wadsworth.
2. RUTH, b. Aug. 29, 1736, d. Sept. 18, 1740.
3. HANNAH, b. Apr. 17, 1738, m. Jonathan Grout; rev. to Westborough.
4. MARY, b. Aug. 8, 1740, d. Sept. 19, 1740.
5. RUTH, b. Oct. 13, 1741, m. ——— Harrington.
6. MARY, b. Oct. 5, 1743, m. Perley Batcheller (B).
- 2 7. TIMOTHY, b. Dec. 20, 1746, m. Sally Putnam.
8. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 16, 1747, m. Abner Stow (S).
9. LUCY, b. Dec. 30, 1755, m. Andrew Adams (A).
10. ANNA, b. July 24, 1758, d. Nov. 28, 1758.

- 1-1 JOSEPH MERRIAM, (Joseph, Joseph, Joseph), b. Sept. 19, 1734, m. 1762, Sally Wadsworth (W), b. 1742, d. Dec. 25, 1828. He d. July 2, 1814.

He was a hale old man of nearly eighty years, when he met with a sudden and fatal accident. He was driving home from mill, and sitting on the front seat of his butcher-cart. While coming down a steep hill, near Peter Hunt's, the harness broke, the "tackling" gave way, his horse fell, and he was precipitated to the ground, striking upon his forehead or temple. The blow rendered him unconscious, and death ensued before he could be carried home. A pile of stones by the road-side marked the scene for several years, and was very impressive to every passer-by. He was deacon of the Congregational Church. Children,

1. HANNAH P., b. Aug. 14, 1765, d. 1792.
2. SARAH, b. Sept. 21, 1767, m. James Whipple (W).
- 3 JOSEPH, b. June 7, 1771, m. Sally Wetherbee and Sally Leland.
4. JOHN, b. May 27, 1775, d. Sept. 10, 1777.
5. JOHN H., b. Aug. 4, 1777, d. Oct., 1811.

He commanded the schooner *Elizabeth City*, and was cast away in a gale of wind, bound to Charleston, S. C., from the West Indies, about October 1, 1811, when near the Island of Nassau, New Providence, one of the Bahamas.

6. ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 25, 1782, m. Elijah Case and Charles Prentice (P).
7. LUCY, b. Dec. 22, 1786, m. William E. Green.

William Elijah Green was a great-grandson of Capt. Samuel Green, one of the founders of Leicester. He was a grandson of Rev. Thomas Green, of Leicester. Of this ancestor, Prof. Samuel S. Green, of Brown University, writes as follows in his genealogical sketch of the descendants of Thomas Green[e], of Malden, Mass.:

"Thomas acquired a knowledge of medicine and surgery from two surgeons of the English Buccaneers, who boarded with his father for many years; they having come in and surrendered themselves under an offer of pardon from the English government to such as should surrender themselves within a specified time. These surgeons instructed Thomas in what they knew of those sciences, and gave him a few medical books. With this preparation, added to a vigorous intellect and un-



common practical wisdom, he was enabled to enter upon and pursue the practice of medicine with great success. His practice extended to various parts of the province, and even to Rhode Island and Connecticut. He was not more eminent as a physician than as a divine. Having embraced the sentiments of the Baptists, he organized a church and society of that denomination in South Leicester, and was ordained their pastor in 1736. He supplied their pulpit many years; he disseminated his principles through a wide circle, and his church became large and flourishing. He gave a house and a farm for a parsonage, a lot of land for the meeting-house, and for a burial-ground."

They had one child, *Lucy Merriam Green*, for many years an experienced and successful educator and proprietor of a young ladies' boarding school, at No. 1 Fifth Avenue, New York city. She cherished the declining years of her Uncle Joseph with a daughter's tenderness and devotion.

- 2-7 TIMOTHY MERRIAM, (Joseph, Joseph, Joseph), b. Dec. 20, 1746, m. June 21, 1775, Sally Putnam (P), b. Aug. 14, 1753, d. July 30, 1835. He d. Dec. 11, 1829. Children,

1. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 10, 1776, d. June 19, 1782.
2. PRISCILLA, b. Mar. 12, 1779, m. Joseph Prentice.
3. SALLY P., b. Apr. 29, 1781, m. Tarrant P. Merriam.
- 4 4. TIMOTHY, b. Sept. 27, 1783, m. Sally Adams and Lucy March.
- 5 5. TARRANT, b. May 31, 1786, m. Anna Kimball.
6. POLLY C., b. Mar. 18, 1789, m. Nathaniel Adams.
7. BETSEY, b. Apr. 18, 1791, m. Dea. Tyrus March.
8. BEULA P., b. May 24, 1794.
9. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 15, 1797, m. Emeline Bidwell.

He graduated at Brown University in 1819, and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1822. Licensed to preach and ordained the same year, and installed pastor of the Congregational Church in Randolph, Portage County, Ohio, January 7th, 1824, the pastorate continuing unto the present time, for fifty-five years. Though his physical strength is not adequate to supplying the desk stately on the Sabbath, it is sufficient for conducting exercises on funeral occasions, church meetings, and the administering the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. He was married January 25th, 1826, in Madison, Ohio, to Miss Emeline Bidwell, formerly of Farmington, Conn., who is still living, at the age of nearly 79 years, and in the house which they first occupied, his age being 81 years; becoming the parents of five children, two of whom have deceased. Three survive, and reside in Ohio.

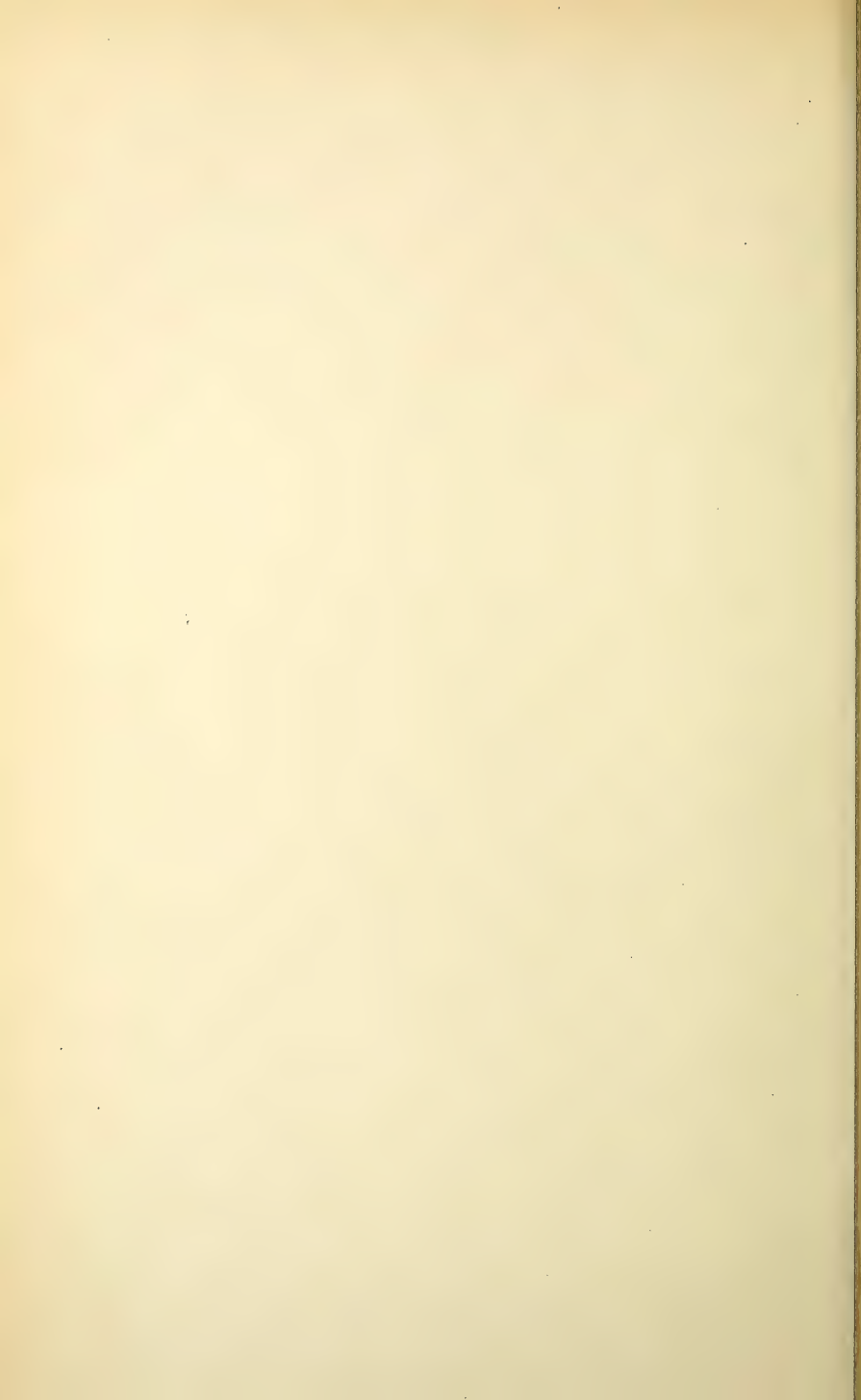
- 3-3 JOSEPH MERRIAM. (Joseph, Joseph, Joseph), b. June 7, 1771, m. Aug. 28, 1794, Sally Wetherbee, b. Sept. 10, 1773, d. Oct. 26, 1810; m. 2nd, Mar. 1, 1812, Sally Leland (L), b. Dec. 17, 1784. He d. June 30, 1869.

He also, like his father and grandfather, was deacon in the Congregational Church, which office he held many years, until his death. He was also familiarly known as "major," which rank he held in the old-time militia service on "training day." He had also been a master-mason for a number of years. His funeral was attended at the Congregational Church, the services being conducted by his long-time pastor and friend, the Rev. Thomas C. Biscoe, then of Uxbridge. Children,

1. SALLY, b. Feb. 21, 1795, m. Ephraim McNamara.
- 6 2. JOSEPH, b. Sept. 18, 1796, m. Mary C. Warrin.



*Joseph Meriam Jr.*



3. HANNAH P., b. Aug. 28, 1798, m. Joseph Batcheller.
- 7 4. JOHN H., b. Dec. 27, 1800, m. Sally Goddard.
- 9 5. CHARLES, b. Feb. 8, 1807, m. Caroline Parker.
6. CHARLOTTE, b. Feb. 8, 1807, m. Joseph Leland (L).
- 10 7. DAVID E., b. July 28, 1814, m. Jane Trask, Sarah J. Smith and Sarah L. Mann. Res. Leicester.

"Mrs. Sally (Leland) Merriam is in full possession of almost all her physical powers, and in a remarkable possession of her mental faculties. Ninety-four years embraces a large area of history, and gives opportunity for a varied reminiscence. With this venerable lady these years have been passed almost entirely in the quiet surroundings of the rural home and amid her friends. She taught her first school in this town, in 1806, her last in 1812, when she was married to Dea. Joseph Merriam. Out of her many pupils one only is supposed to be living. She has continued to reside in the town in which she was born through all these long years, with the exception of a brief absence upon one occasion of a few months. And to-day, as upon the day when a youthful bride she was brought to her present home, she looks out upon the same quiet valley and wooded hillsides as sixty-six years ago. To the lovers of the antique this home presents some rare attractions. Without obtruding upon the privacy of home, a few of these curiosities may be mentioned: The table is garnished with dishes and wares varying from 60 to 116 years old. There is still retained in the family a three-cornered hat worn by the father of Deacon Merriam, who, had he lived, would have been more than 140 years old. A pair of saddle-bags, long used by the same gentleman, in which, it is handed down, he used to take the wine and bread to the meeting-house at the centre of the town upon communion Sabbaths, he himself being an officer of the church. There are carpets still in use, bright and good for years of wear yet, which were woven under the care of this venerable lady, the warp and woof having been dyed by herself fifty-seven years since. When she was a babe the surrender of Cornwallis must still have been the topic of common conversation around the wide-mouthed fire-places of those early homes. But a few months only before her birth the revolutionary forces had been disbanded, Washington issued his farewell orders, and took his leave of the army. When a girl of five years the first congress under the constitution was assembled, with George Washington as president, and so the period covered by this life embraces the entire constitutional history of the Union."

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- 4-4 TIMOTHY MERRIAM, (Timothy, Joseph, Joseph, Joseph), b. Sept. 27, 1783, m. Sally Adams; m. 2nd, Lucy March. Children,
    1. TIMOTHY H., b. Apr. 10, 1810, m. Susan Johnson, and left one son, *Frank H.*
    2. SARAH A., b. Jan. 7, 1813, m. Dea. Benjamin Nurse.
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- 5-5 TARRANT MERRIAM, (Timothy, Joseph, Joseph, Joseph), b. May 31, 1786, m. Anna Kimball (K), b. 1789, d. July 3, 1851. Children,
    - 8 1. NOAH K., b. May 18, 1811, m. Harriet Harlow.
    2. MARY A., b. July 17, 1812, m. John M. Leland (L).
    3. ELIZABETH W., b. Jan. 10, 1816, m. Samuel C. Flagg (F).
    4. SARAH P., b. Dec. 29, 1817, m. William Morton.
    5. CAROLINE E., m. Jonathan B. Sibley (S).
    6. HANNAH A., m. William Thompson.
    7. JOSEPH A., m. Ruth Pecker.
    8. JOHN Q., m. Maria Barrett.
    9. FRANCIS E., d. unm.

- 6-2 JOSEPH MERRIAM, (Joseph, Joseph, Joseph, Joseph), b. Sept. 18, 1796, m. April 27, 1825, Mary C. Warren (W), b. March 16, 1799. He has the "butteris" which was used by his great-grandfather when he shod the first horse in Hassanamisco.

Children,

1. JOSEPH AUGUSTUS, b. July 28, 1826, d. in Shasta, Cal., Dec. 16, 1849.

He was one of the "Argonauts of '49." Sailing to California in Feb., '49, around Cape Horn, he went at once to work in the mines, but was soon attacked by a fever which proved fatal. Tidings of his death did not reach his far distant home till June, '50 thereafter. He is reported as having been a most genial comrade and faithful friend.

2. JOHN WARREN, b. Jan. 2, 1833, m. Sarah Duprea, res. in Worcester.

3. HENRY EDWIN, b. Dec. 10, 1837, m. Octavia Hunt, res. in Gardiner, Me.

- 7-4 JOHN H. MERRIAM, (Joseph, Joseph, Joseph, Joseph), b. Dec. 27, 1800, m. Jan. 4, 1826, Sally Goddard (G), b. Nov. 29, 1801.

Children,

1. MARTHA ANN., b. 1826, unm.

2. JOHN GODDARD, b. July 25, 1831, d. unm.

3. GEORGE E., b. 1833, m. and res. in South Framingham.

4. MARY, m. Chauncy L. Mitchell.

John G. was a cavalry officer in the Union Army during the rebellion. He was fatally wounded and died in Washington, D. C. His remains were brought home by his father, who was with him during his closing hours. His comrades bear fitting and praiseworthy testimony to his heroism in battle and generous nature always.

George was also a soldier, but in the infantry service. Returning from the war, he has resided near his parents.

- 9-5 CHARLES MERRIAM, (Joseph, Joseph, Joseph, Joseph), b. Feb. 8, 1807, m. Dec. 17, 1835, Caroline Parker, dau. of Rev. J. Parker, of Southborough.

After serving his father faithfully through a long series of years, from the time, he was twenty-one years of age, and having greatly improved the paternal estate, he removed to Worcester, in April, 1833. Its educational advantages were excellent for his children, while he himself turned his attention to real estate and building. Children, b. in Grafton,

1. CHARLES J., b. Nov. 12, 1836.

Charles J. was mustered into the United States service, July 12, 1861, as a private soldier, in the Grafton Co. (G), 15th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers. Served faithfully through the "peninsular" campaign, with McClellan, and returned to Maryland, where, at the battle of Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862, he was instantly killed. He was never on the sick list nor on furlough, always in good health, and gave his country hearty and continuous service. At Ball's Bluff, Oct. 21, 1861, he saved his life by swimming the Potomac back to Maryland, and from this his first fight to his last he never received so much as a scratch, although constantly exposed to the enemy's bullets in half a dozen battles. Many interesting letters of his from the seat of war, appeared in the *Worcester Spy*. He left a widow and two children.

His own commander, Capt. Forehand, writes in lines of tender sympathy :—



"He fell doing his duty as a brave soldier."

Rest, oh rest! dear son and brother,  
Rest!—thy weary march is o'er—  
Rest and slumber in the ground,  
Soon the trump of God shall sound.—*Worcester Daily Spy.*

2. ANNA PARKER, b. Sept. 22, 1839.

Anna was educated in Worcester and New York city. Became a teacher in the Freedmen's Schools in 1863, in North Carolina during the war, and subsequently in Georgia. In 1873, married Mr. Lyman E. Brooks, of Columbus, Ga., where they now reside. Has three children.

3. LUCIUS P., b. Nov. 22, 1846.

Lucius resided with his parents in Worcester, and attended the public schools. From February, 1864, to June, 1866, he was a civilian clerk in the quartermaster's department United States army, and stationed at Newbern, N. C. He returned north and resumed his preparatory studies at Monson Academy, entering Amherst College in 1869, and graduating in class of 1873. Was teacher two years at Norwich Free Academy, Connecticut, till the summer of 1875; then one year in the Springfield Collegiate Institute, Massachusetts; then teacher for two years in the English and Classical School of Messrs. Mowry & Goff, Providence, R. I., and has now begun his second year as principal of the High School at Lonsdale, R. I. In 1877 he received the degree of A. M. from Amherst College. Is married and has two children.

10-7 DAVID E. MERRIAM, (Joseph, Joseph, Joseph, Joseph), b. July 28, 1814, m. Jane Trask, Sarah J. Smith and Sarah L. Mann. Res. in Leicester. He was first employed as clerk in the freight office of the Boston and Worcester Railroad, at the New England Village; was later transferred to a similar position at Boston. He entered the employ of the Leicester Bank as teller, was promoted to the cashiership, and now holds that responsible position.

8-1 NOAH K. MERRIAM, (Tarrant, Timothy, Joseph, Joseph, Joseph), b. May 18, 1811, m. Nov. 11, 1834, Harriet Harlow, b. Aug. 14, 1808. Res. in New England Village. Children,

1. HENRY H., b. Mar. 1, 1841, m. Mahalah Harlow. Res. in Worcester. (See college graduates).

2. HARRIET A., b. Sept. 22, 1843, m. Lyman Walker. Res. in Boylston.

**MILES, (Myles).**

JOHN MILES was one of the earliest settlers in the town of Concord. He was there as early as 1637, and perhaps before. He was admitted a freeman of Massachusetts colony, December 14, 1638. It is not known in what year he came over to this country, nor from what part of England he emigrated. He was a blacksmith as well as a farmer, and had a respectable education. He was one of the largest of the original proprietors of the town of Concord, owning 459 acres of land. He was twice married. His first wife died leaving one daughter. His second wife was Susannah Redit; she was the widow of John Redit, Jr., of Marlborough, who died 1676, supposed to have been killed by the Indians. He was far advanced in life when he married the second time. The name was originally spelled Myles. He was probably eighty years of age at his death, August 28, 1693.

REV. JOHN MILES, (John, John, John, John), b. Nov. 3, 1765, m. May 1, 1798, Mary Denny, of Leicester, b. Aug. 21, 1773. (See sketch of his life in Church History). Children,

1. MARY D., b. June 25, 1799, m. Rev. Seth Alden.
2. JOHN R., b. Sept. 23, 1801, d. Dec. 17, 1819.
3. SAMUEL D., b. Sept. 5, 1803, d. Jan. 18, 1804.
4. SAMUEL D., b. June 19, 1805, d. Nov. 27, 1805.
5. MARTHA E., b. Feb. 17, 1808, d. Mar. 16, 1808.
- 1 6. HENRY A., b. May 30, 1809, m. Augusta H. Moore and Elizabeth S. Wright.
7. SARAH H., b. Apr. 27, 1811, m. John C. Mason, of Worcester.
- 2 8. CHARLES E., b. June 11, 1813, m. Catherine S. Denny.
9. ELIZABETH D., b. Apr. 30, 1815, m. Aug., 1840, George Allen, Jr., son of Rev. George Allen, of Worcester, d. Dec. 29, 1841. Her child, *Elizabeth*, b. Aug., 1841, d. July 4, 1853.
10. AUGUSTA S., b. Feb. 12, 1819, m. Mar. 1, 1854, Isaac R. Noyes, of Morristown, N. J.

- 1-6 REV. HENRY A. MILES, D. D., (John, John, John, John, John), b. May 30, 1809, m. May 28, 1833, Augusta H. Moore, b. Nov. 2, 1811, d. 1868; m. 2nd, 1871, Elizabeth T. Wright.

He was fitted for college in part at Leicester Academy; graduated at Brown University in 1829, from which college he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1850. He graduated from the Divinity School of Harvard University in 1832. He was ordained to the Christian ministry over a religious society in Hallowell, Me., in December, 1832. He resigned this situation to become secretary of the American Unitarian Association, in 1853, which office he held for six years. Since then he has visited Europe four times, spending there six or seven years. He has preached eight years in Longwood, Mass., and three years in Hingham, where he is still pastor of the New North Church, residing with his only surviving child, the wife of Henry L. Fearing. He has published several books, the titles of which are as follows:—

*Lowell as it was and as it is*, in 1845; *The Gospel Narratives*, in 1848, of which 10,000 copies have been printed; *The Altar at Home*, compilation of prayers; *A Selection of Channing's Thoughts*; a volume of sermons called *Words of a Friend*; *Picture Writing in the Bible*; *The Birth of Jesus*. In addition to these a dozen occasional sermons, and articles in the *Religious Magazine*, *Christian Examiner* and *North American Review* have been printed. Children,

1. HENRY T., b. July 30, 1834.
2. CHARLES R., b. Aug. 13, 1836.
3. FRANCIS D., b. June 28, 1838, d. Nov. 6, 1839.

- 2-8 CHARLES E. MILES, (John, John, John, John, John), b. June 11, 1813, m. 1833, Catherine S. Denny, of Leicester. He moved with his father's family to Shrewsbury, in 1826, where he was brought up on the farm of his father, and pursued the occupation of agriculture with success, representing the town in the offices of assessor and selectman. He was chosen vice-president of the Worcester Agricultural Society, in 1862, and its president in 1864, and re-elected in 1865. He continued the pursuit of agriculture until 1870, when he removed to Boston to engage in the insurance business, although never losing his interest in agriculture, often appearing before societies and farmers' clubs, urging increased efforts and interest for New England agriculture. In 1872 he was appointed a justice of the peace, by his Excellency Governor William Claflin. In 1873 he built a block of houses at Brookline, where he moved and still resides. Children,

1. MARY E., m. Col. Charles E. Hapgood, who served his country three years in the late war, was colonel of the 5th New Hampshire Regiment, is now a wool commission merchant in Boston and resides at Brookline.
2. CATHERINE A., m. Hollis E. Abbott, an insurance agent in Boston; res. in Brookline.
3. CHARLES D., m. Stella C. Cole, of New Hampshire. He is a managing director and examiner of members of the Iowa State Mutual Benefit Association; res. in Grinnell, Iowa.
4. SARAH S., m. John A. Sweetser, son of the late Rev. Seth Sweetser, D. D., of Worcester. He is a farmer and res. on Brigham Hill.
5. ELLEN M., d. young. 6. WILLIAM E., d. young.

**MORSE.**

This name also claims a high antiquity. It first occurs A. D. 1358, in the reign of Edward III. They were seven brothers, Samuel, Joseph, Anthony, William, Robert, Joshua and John, who came to this country.

JONATHAN MORSE, (Jonathan, Joseph, Joseph, Joseph), b. Dec. 24, 1709, m. Dec. 5, 1739, Phebe Keyes. He rev. to Shrewsbury. Children,

1. MARY, b. Jan. 13, 1740, m. Stephen Parker.
2. HEZEKIAH, b. June 27, 1741, d. Apr. 28, 1757.
3. THANKFUL, b. Sept. 22, 1742, m. Nathaniel Stone.
4. LOUISA, b. Apr. 22, 1743. 5. JONATHAN, b. Feb. 16, 1745, d. 1752.
6. LUCRETIA, b. July 29, 1746, d. 1753.
7. SARAH, b. Aug. 16, 1749, d. 1753. 8. ELIJAH, b. July 8, 1751.
9. LUCRETIA, b. Apr. 8, 1753, m. Amos Emory.
10. SARAH, b. Nov. 25, 1754, m. Archelaus Wilson.

NATHAN MORSE, (Jonathan, Joseph, Dea. John, Joseph, Joseph), b. Feb. 29, 1750, m. Elizabeth (Stevens) Hill. He d. in New York, in 1841. Children,

1. JOSEPH R., b. Oct. 20, 1773, d. Apr. 21, 1775.
2. BETSEY, b. June 20, 1775, m. Silas Robbins.
3. NATHAN, b. Jan. 30, 1777, m. Polly Fisher.

The other children were born in Athol and Alstead, N. H.

JOHN MORSE, (Ichabod, John, Obadiah, Daniel, Daniel, Daniel, Samuel), b. July 23, 1798, m. Amy W. Cook, and had fifteen children.

JASON MORSE, (Jason, Samuel, Samuel, Joseph, Dea. John, Joseph, Joseph), b. Oct. 14, 1790, m. Oct. 26, 1820, ————. He had three daughters.

MASON A. MORSE, (Isaac, Elisha, Isaac, John, Dea. John, Joseph, Joseph), b. Sept. 14, 1797, m. July 4, 1819, Betsey Gregory, b. Mar. 24, 1794. Children,

1. WILLIAM M., b. July 4, 1820, m. Deborah Kingman.
2. HENRY B., b. Mar. 30, 1822, m. Sarah Lawton.
3. MARY E., b. Jan. 16, 1824, m. David Petteplace.
4. ARTHUR F., b. Dec. 28, 1825, m. Mary Darling.
5. ALFRED J., b. Mar. 28, 1828. 6. NELSON K., b. Apr. 28, 1830.
7. DEBORAH C., b. Apr. 25, 1832.
8. ELLEN R., b. July 18, 1838, d. 1839.

ISAAC MORSE, by wife Ruth ———, had, children,

1. RUTH, b. Mar. 23, 1749. 2. JOSEPH, b. Mar. 4, 1752.
3. ARTIMAS, b. Jan. 1, 1753. 4. ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 23, 1756.
5. NABA, b. Jan. 16, 1758. 6. MARY, b. Apr. 11, 1760.
7. ISAAC, b. June 24, 1762.

ALFRED MORSE, by wife Mary A.; had

1. JAMES A., b. Feb. 2, 1839. 2. CHARLES H., b. Feb. 22, 1844.

### PEIRCE, (Pierce, Pearce).

JOHN PEIRCE, a weaver, of Watertown, was admitted a freeman, March, 1637. He died August 19, 1661. Among the gleanings of Judge Savage, for New England History (Mass. Hist. Coll., 4th Series, Vol. 1, p. 96), is the following extract from an ancient document, lately found in the English Exchequer:—"April the 8th, 1637. The examination of John Pers, of Norwich, in Noff (Norwich in Norfolk County), weaver, aged 49 yeares, and Elizabeth his wife, aged 36 yeares, with four children, John, Barbre, Elizabeth and Judith, and one sarvant, John Gedney, aged 19 yeares, are desirous to passe to Boston, in New England, to inhabit." The orthography of the name of this family is much and often varied in the records. That adopted here has been generally used; but many, especially of the later generations, have adopted PIERCE.

He undoubtedly was that JOHN PIERCE, the citizen and cloth weaver, one of the merchant adventurers, who enabled the English Puritans at Leyden to come over in 1620, and in whose name the charter was given by the Council for New England. He was associated with Thomas Weston, in this enterprise, and was doubtless a considerable person in those times.

JONATHAN PEIRCE, (William, Francis, Joseph, Anthony, John), b. in Hopkinton, June 10, 1736, m. July 14, 1760, Eunice Lethe. She died, and he m. 2nd, Feb. 2, 1764, Mary Goodale (G), b. Jan. 13, 1747, d. Nov. 17, 1808. He had no issue by his first wife, and after her death rev. to Sutton, where he died, June 22, 1800. They had thirteen children.

Jonathan Peirce enlisted in Edmund Brigham's company, in Col. Job Cushing's regiment, Sept. 1, 1777; discharged Nov. 29, 1777. The following is a copy of an old paper found in the Secretary of State's office, at the State House:—"This may certify that we, the subscribers, have engaged to serve nine months in the Continental service, after surviving the camp, for the town of Sutton, in Capt. Andrew Elliot's company, June 8, 1778. Signed, Jonathan Peirce and William Harback."

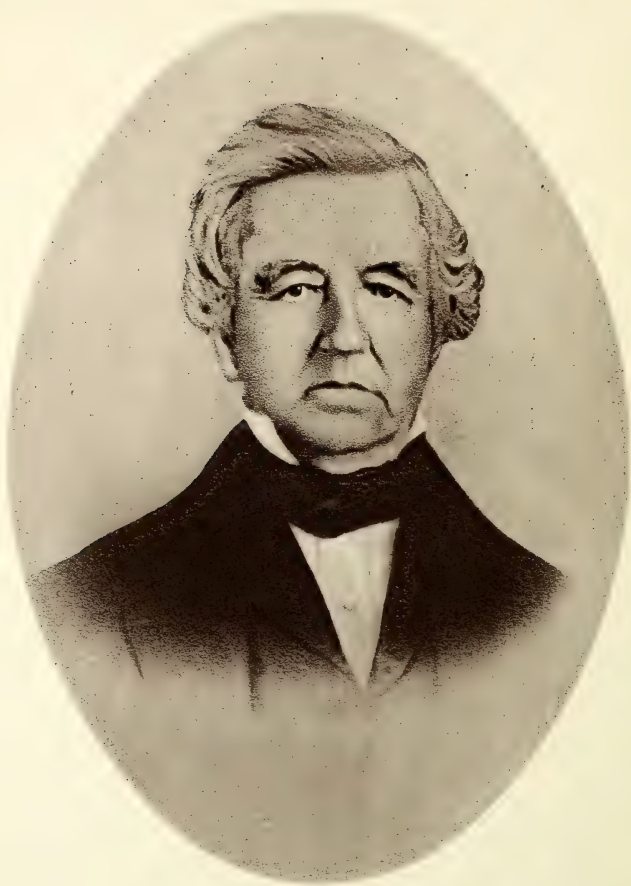
CHARLES A. PIERCE, (Amos, Jonathan, William, Francis, Joseph, Anthony, John), b. in Sutton, Dec. 10, 1811. m. Apr. 1, 1839, Eliza Sibbey (S), b. May 15, 1816. They res. on South street.

He was for some years postmaster, but of late years has been out of business. Children,

1. HARRIET, b. Sept. 15, 1840, d. Sept. 30, 1841.
2. CHARLES, b. July 29, 1842, d. June 25, 1843.
3. GEORGE, b. Nov. 15, 1843, d. Aug. 30, 1845.
4. HELEN, b. Feb. 12, 1849, d. Jan. 22, 1853.
5. FRANK, b. Oct. 4, 1851, res. Pawtucket, R. I., unm.
6. ANNA, b. July 13, 1853, res. Pawtucket, R. I., unm.
7. AUBURY, b. Sept. 7, 1855, d. July 22, 1859.







DELANO PIERCE, M. D.

SILAS A. PIERCE, (Amos, Jonathan, William, Francis, Joseph, Anthony, John), b. in Sutton, Sept. 10, 1818, m. Oct. 18, 1849, Maria N. Smith (S), b. Nov. 3, 1827. They res. at the head of the common, in the Centre, near the Orthodox Church.

He was formerly a boot and shoe manufacturer, occupying the building known as "Hancock Block," now owned by Forbush & Brown, of Buffalo, N. Y. He was postmaster under the administrations of Presidents Frank Pierce and James Buchanan; also held this office under President Johnson. During the five years the *Worcester Daily Press* was in circulation he managed the subscription department. He was also, at one time, a member of the firm of J. H. Wood & Co. Children,

1. KATE AROLINE, b. May 4, 1853, d. Sept. 6, 1854.
2. FREDERICK C., b. July 30, 1855, m. Lizzie D. Pierce.
3. LOU. M., b. July 17, 1857, unm.
4. WALTER W., b. Jan. 2, 1866.

- 1-2 FREDERICK C. PIERCE, (Silas A., Amos, Jonathan, William, Francis, Joseph, Anthony, John), b. July 30, 1855, m. in Chicago, Nov. 19, 1877, Lizzie D. Pierce, b. Jan. 24, 1857, (Ezekiel L., William, Jonathan, William, Francis, Joseph, Anthony, John).

He was for a number of years on the reportorial staff of the *Worcester Daily Press*. He has completed the history and genealogy of the Pierce family in America, from 1630 down. He is a resident member of the Historic-Genealogical Society of New England, s. p.

JOHN A. PIERCE, brother to Silas and Charles, b. in Sutton, Aug. 28, 1815, d. in Grafton, Jan. 27, 1874, unm.

ELIZA, his sister, b. in Sutton, Sept. 10, 1806, d. in Grafton, Apr. 3, 1878, unm.

NANCY, another sister, b. in Sutton, Mar. 24, 1801, res. in Grafton, on the old place on North street.

## PIERCE.

THOMAS PIERCE, the ancestor of this family, came from England to this country in 1634. He settled in Charlestown. He was b. in England, 1584, d. Oct. 7, 1666. He was admitted freeman, May 6, 1635.

DELANO PIERCE, JR., (Delano, Benjamin, Timothy, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. in Brooklyn, Conn., July 19, 1786, m. Nov. 22, 1813, Anna Nichols, b. 1791, d. Feb. 2, 1860. He d. Jan. 9, 1871.

He remained at home and worked on the farm in summer, attending school a part of the year, until seventeen years of age; then went to Plainfield Academy and spent two years in study, with intervals of teaching in winter. At nineteen years of age he commenced the study of medicine with the late Josias Fuller, M. D., of Plainfield, but was induced to take charge of a High School in Stonington for six months, intending to devote himself to the study of medicine at the expiration of that time, but consented to continue in the school the remainder of the year, having made an arrangement whereby he could read medicine with Dr. Hyde, a physician of the place, in his leisure hours. He then returned to Plainfield, and finished his medical studies with Dr. Fuller, at the age of twenty-three; was examined by, and received his diploma

from the Connecticut State Medical Society, in August, and went in November into several towns in Connecticut and Rhode Island, introducing vaccination, or cow-pock, which at that time was little known, and which met with much hostility owing to ignorance and prejudice on the subject, which, however, he was successful in overcoming to a great degree.

In the year 1811, he started on horseback from his father's house in pursuit of a place for the practice of his profession, and on arriving at Oxford, Mass., decided to locate there. On the 8th day of June, 1813, he was commissioned by His Excellency Caleb Strong, then Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Surgeon of the Fifth Regiment of Infantry in the First Brigade and Seventh Division of the Militia of this Commonwealth, which office he held until he tendered his resignation and from which he was honorably discharged on the 6th day of November, 1818. He was energetic and persevering in whatever he engaged, and carried through every undertaking with remarkable vigor and unfaltering trust in his own ability. The first start in life financially he obtained in the manufacture of cotton cloth. Some time during the early introduction of machinery in the manufacture of cotton cloth, he had a conference with Mr. Slater of Webster, who was then making it by hand looms, he made a proposition to him to furnish material and pay a fixed sum per yard for making cloth by machinery. An arrangement was made, he hired a Grist-mill, placed in it a few looms and employed hands to weave. This in connection with his practice, he carried on one or two years with satisfaction to Mr. Slater, who at first had doubts that cloth could be made by machinery equal in quality to that made by hand.

After an extensive and successful practice in Oxford, of about twenty-three years, and having disposed of his practice to Dr. Knight, he removed to East Douglas in 1834, and formed a co-partnership with the late Dr. Ezekiel Wood, which lasted two years with much cordiality and unusual harmony. While there a select school was established through his influence, it being the first in the village where classical studies were pursued. In the spring of 1836, he came to Grafton, and purchased of Mr. Ephraim Wilson the estate now owned by Mr. Charles A. Pierce, where he lived until 1841, when he removed to the estate formerly occupied by the Rev. John Miles.

The old house was removed to the rear, remodeled and rebuilt, and was his residence until his death, which occurred Jan. 9, 1871. This house is now the residence of Dr. T. T. Griggs, who married his daughter and only child.

Dr. Pierce was a faithful and skillful physician, and loved his profession—merciful in his charges—and very considerate to the poor. He was a man of good natural abilities, sound judgment, social and gentle in disposition; of vigorous muscular powers, and never seemed to tire or become weary in responding to the various duties attendant upon his profession. He was industrious and economical in his habits, and was ever ready to aid those who made any exertions to help themselves to an honest living. He was charitable in all those little things which contribute so much to make life happy, and which, perhaps, accomplishes more than greater charities but seldom performed. He practised medicine nearly fifty-nine years, and by strictly temperate habits was enabled to endure this vast labor with scarcely any interruption until within about two years of his decease. Watching the symptoms of approaching dissolution and conscious that his end was near, he resigned peacefully to his fate with hopes of a more glorious and brighter day in realms of light and life. Ch.,

1. JULIA, b. July 5, 1823, m. Dr. Thomas T. Griggs, third son of John Griggs, who was born in Sutton, Jan. 31, 1818.

In early life he was employed in a store, attending school in his native town. He attended a commercial school in Boston to qualify himself for book-keeping and mercantile pursuits. He subsequently attended school at Northfield Academy, and also at Wrentham Academy. In March, 1839, he came to Grafton, and was associated with his brother, Salem Griggs, for a short time in the sale of drugs and medicines, and general merchandise, occupying the brick store erected by the late Lovel Stow. After which he studied medicine with Dr. Delano Pierce, whose daughter he married, Feb. 16, 1842.

He also pursued the study of medicine in Brunswick, and in Boston, and received the degree of M. D. from the medical department of Harvard University, July 18, 1849, and immediately commenced the practice of his profession in Grafton, in connection with his father-in-law, continuing it to the present time.

He is a member of the Massachusetts medical society; has held a Justice's commission; served on the board of selectmen; and in 1875, represented his district in the General Court, where he was assigned a place on the committee on towns.

He has had two daughters, *Anna Pierce*, born June 7, 1845, who died August 13, 1845, and *Frances Helen* (adopted in infancy), born July 23, 1859.

## PHILLIPS.

REV. GEORGE PHILLIPS, the first minister of Watertown, was the son of Christopher Phillips, "*mediocris fortunæ*," of Rainham, St. Martin, County Norfolk, England. He entered Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, April 20, 1610, age 17, grad. B. A., 1613, M. A., 1617. He gave early indications of deep piety, uncommon talents, and love of learning, and at the University distinguished himself by his remarkable progress in learning, especially in theological studies, for which he manifested an early partiality. Winthrop says he was "a godly man, specially gifted, and very peaceful in his place, much lamented of his own people and others."

EBENEZER PHILLIPS, (Ebenezer, Samuel, Theophilus, Rev. George), b. in Weston, Feb. 18, 1758, m. March 30, 1775, Rachel Gale, of Sutton, b. 1754, d. July 11, 1838.

He served in Capt. Luke Drury's company in the Revolutionary War. His numerous progeny all scattered early in life and only John and Ebenezer remained here, the others "went west." He had in all eleven children, viz., SILAS, HANNAH, POLLY, BETSEY, MARTHA, SALLY, ABIGAIL, EZRA and JOSIAH, who were born in Millbury. He was a scythemaker. He d. June 5, 1834.

Children,

- 1 1. EBENEZER, m. Sally Leathe.
- 2 2. JOHN, b. 1789, m. Catherine Leathe.

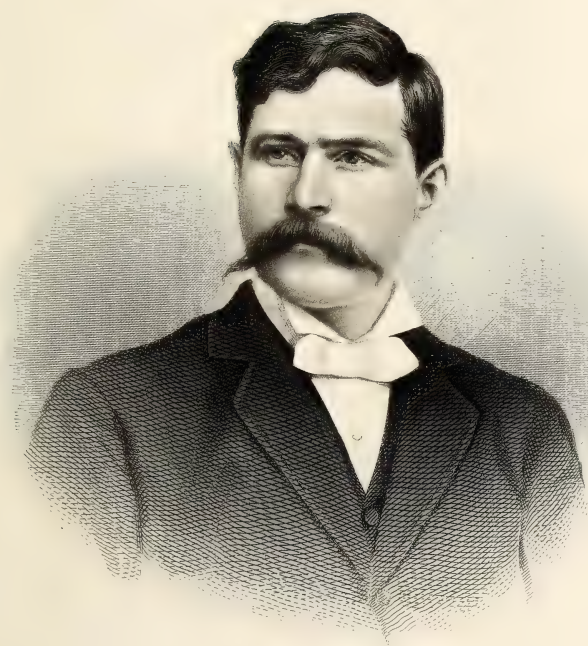
- 1-1 EBENEZER PHILLIPS, (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Samuel, Theophilus, Rev. George), b. ———, m. Sally Leathe. Children,

1. HOSEA B., b. Aug. 20, 1801, rev. to Watertown, N. Y.
2. GEORGE W., b. Aug. 18, 1804, m. Dec. 25, 1846, Maria L. Tucker, s. p.
3. SARAH C., b. June 1, 1809, d. Aug. 28, 1811.

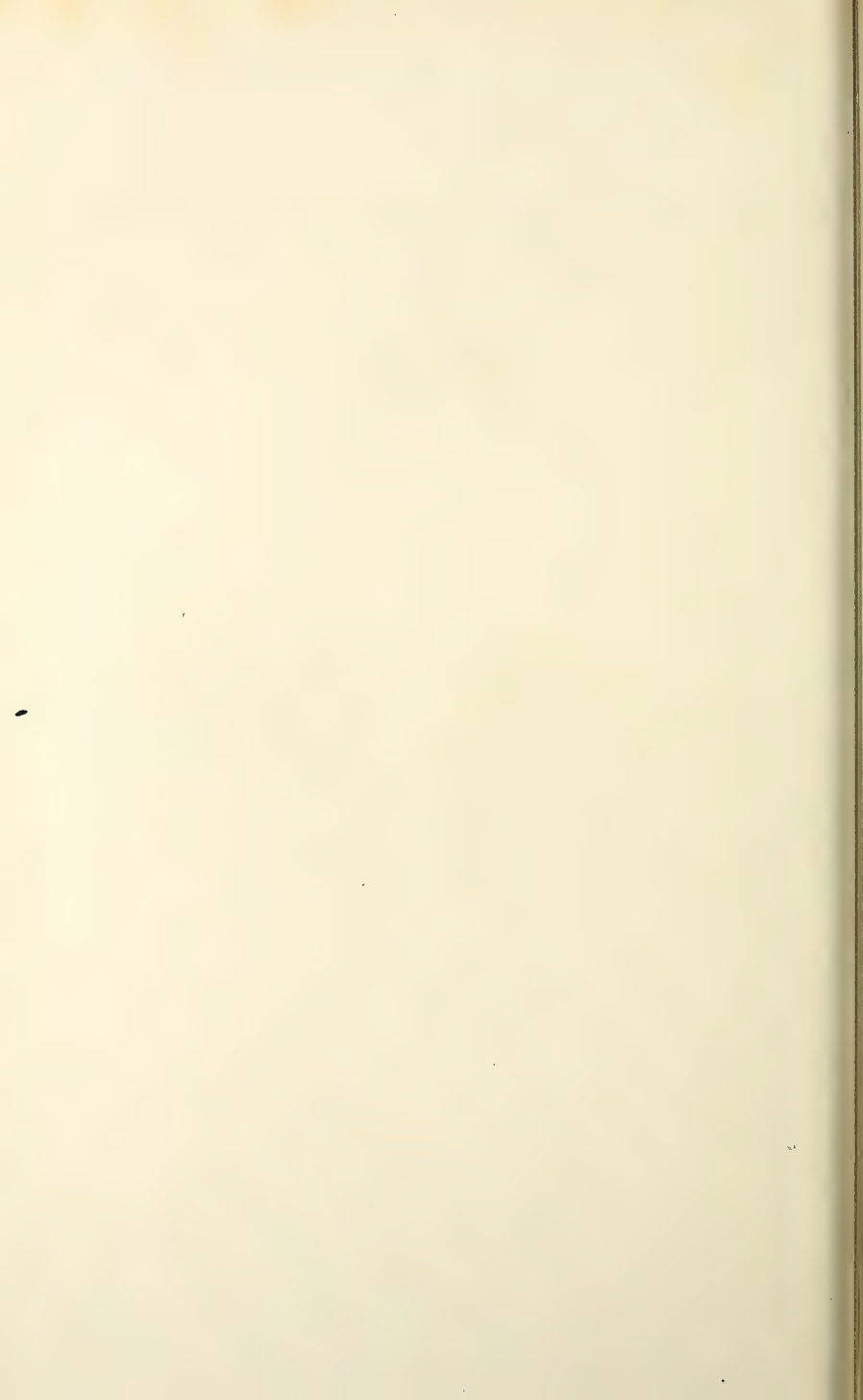


4. SARAH A., b. July 19, 1813, m. Moses L. Batcheller (B).
  5. ROBERT W., b. Feb. 7, 1815, m. Mary (Batcheller) Lewis; res. in Sutton.
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- 2-2 JOHN PHILLIPS, (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Samuel, Theophilus, Rev. George), b. 1789, m. Catherine Leathe, d. 1832. He d. July 4, 1862. Children,
1. CATHERINE L., b. April 9, 1807, m. Jan. 20, 1827, Charles Heywood, and d. July 30, 1840.
  2. JOHN G., b. June 8, 1809, m. Sally Newton and Susan Tew.
  3. ELBRIDGE G., b. March 20, 1815, m. June 14, 1837, Dorcas E. Monroe, res. in Blackstone, s. p.
  4. BENJAMIN L., b. Nov. 19, 1817, m. Adeline Bacon.
  5. ANDREW S., b. May 8, 1824, m. Roxanna M. Drake.
  6. JAMES J., b. Sept. 6, 1827, d. July 20, 1834.
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- 3-2 JOHN G. PHILLIPS, (John, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Samuel, Theophilus, Rev. George), b. June 8, 1809, m. Sally Newton and Susan Tew. He res. in Quiddick, R. I. Children,
1. ANSEL P., b. Feb. 19, 1834.
  2. JOHN E., b. Feb. 3, 1836, d. March 31, 1838.
  3. SARAH J., b. Feb. 19, 1838.
  4. JOHN T., b. Aug. 9, 1841, d. June 6, 1842.
  5. MARIETTA C., b. Nov. 17, 1843.
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- 4-4 BENJAMIN L. PHILLIPS, (John, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Samuel, Theophilus, Rev. George), b. Nov. 19, 1817, m. Adaline Bacon, res. in Quiddick, R. I. Children, b. here,
1. WILLARD J., b. April 6, 1841.
  2. ANN M., b. Jan. 26, 1843.
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- 5-5 ANDREW S. PHILLIPS, (John, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Samuel, Theophilus, Rev. George), b. May 8, 1824, m. Sept. 16, 1845, Roxanna M. Drake, of Shrewsbury. He rev. to Providence in 1859. Children,
1. KATE M., b. Feb. 1, 1851, m. Jan. 16, 1873, Charles H. Bogle, d. Dec. 21, 1876.
  2. WALTER P., b. June 14, 1846, m. April 15, 1866, Francena A. Capron.
- Walter Polk Phillips was born in Grafton, June 14, 1846. He is almost entirely self-educated, having left school at the age of twelve years. After the premature close of his school-days, the ensuing two years were devoted to service on a farm, when, being then fourteen years of age, he entered the employ of the American Telegraph Company, at Providence, R. I., as a messenger boy. Here his aptitude and devotion to duty were made apparent and he soon became a valuable operator. In 1869, he being then barely twenty-three years of age, we find him the acknowledged head of the telegraphic profession as a skilled and rapid manipulator. In that year he performed the greatest telegraphic achievement on record, viz., "receiving," that is, copying from sound, in a clear legible hand, 2,731 words in sixty minutes, a feat which has never been equalled. This performance called forth the hearty personal recognition of the inventor of the Morse telegraph, Prof. Samuel F. B. Morse, who presented Mr. Phillips with a handsome testimonial; and, on April 27 of that year (the seventy-eighth anniversary of the great inventor's birth) he penned a strong and flattering autograph letter to young Phillips, acknowledging the wonderful perfection which he had reached. In 1870, Mr. Phillips became the managing editor of the *Providence Daily Herald*, and the marked ability with which he con-





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ducted that paper attracted the attention of many of the leading State officials, and earned for him the enduring friendship of numerous men of mark. In 1872, Mr. Phillips founded the *Attleboro Chronicle*, and by his ability and untiring energy not only made it a flourishing concern in Attleboro, but placed it on the news-stands of the larger propinquous cities. The *Chronicle* passed from his hands in 1875, when he entered the service of the Associated Press in its New York office. Although Mr. Phillips entered the latter service as a subordinate, he was, ten months thereafter, promoted to the important position of principal assistant to James W. Simonton, who is at the head of all the far-reaching machinery of this powerful organization.

On the 14th of June, 1878, his thirty-second birthday, Mr. Phillips was placed at the head of the Washington bureau of the Associated Press, a position of much influence, honor and emolument. He is also superintendent of the Associated Press telegraph line, and under his immediate direction or wise counsels vast improvements have been introduced during the past four years. Among these improvements may be mentioned the "Phillips system of telegraphy," which doubles the capacity of wires without the aid of any expensive machinery. This system has been introduced on the Associated Press circuits with pronounced success, and is probably destined to come into general use for the rapid transmission of business on public lines, at an early day.

Between 1872 and 1875 he wrote some remarkably clever sketches—studies of by-gone telegraphic heroes—which, in 1876, were published in book form, together with a series of non-telegraphic stories. His entrance to "the sacred guild of authors" was greeted with many flattering notices from the press, and was succeeded by large sales, several editions of the book being rapidly called for.

In addition to his present duties, he is constantly writing verses, sketches, and editorial articles, for literary, telegraphic or other scientific papers, and he is at present engaged also on a novel illustrative of a New England boy's life. Indeed, he has been a prolific writer for newspapers for the last ten years, under the pen-names of "Gilbert Slowboy," "Maurice McLeod," and finally "John Oakum," which is now the widest and most favorably known.

While to bespeak for Mr. P., at present, a place beside the very foremost of our leading writers of the present day would be premature, it is no exaggeration to say that his language and his descriptions, whatever they bear upon, are as pure and as clear as those of authors whose style is accepted as a standard, even if they have not pretended to so wide a range, and that there is much promise in him for his maturer years. The world to him, notwithstanding his extreme earnestness and numerous well-balanced and settled convictions, is a school. He is always open to discuss freely the merits of "the points" in his efforts, excellent as those points may be; promptly profits by successes and failures alike; is always thankful for suggestions and sensible criticism touching his literary work, weighs them all carefully, and acts readily upon them when good ones are made. This, you see, is a quality which, of itself alone, must tend greatly toward final success. Another of his qualities is untiring industry. While busily engaged, in one capacity, in supervising the collection and distribution of reliable and unbiassed, but necessarily uninspiring commonplace news and statistics, we find him on the other hand, in a different capacity, commenting on the same and drawing the appropriate lesson therefrom for the public, just as naturally and easily as though the latter occupation were the only duty which circumstances had imposed upon him. His published sketches show that they are the deductions of one possessing a habit of close observation, a keen sense of humor, and one who is at the same time a

shrewd but mirth-loving man of the world. He "turns out" a pathetic incident, or invests solid sober counsel with all the charm of half-earnest but penetrating pleasantry with equal adroitness; and his writings, pathetic or "light," are ever replete with shrewd and wholesome suggestions.

In his literary treatment of the telegraphic profession—a field where some of his earliest triumphs were won—there is not one competitor to approach him. As a far-seeing critic he has proved himself fearless and just, yet so good-natured, that his victims can never muster up feelings of resentment, but rather profit by his lecturing.

Nor is his strength as a writer confined to prose. His poetical efforts are well represented.

The estimation in which Mr. Phillips is held by the telegraphic profession is best determined by the numerous spontaneous outbursts which greet him in the journals, published by that interesting and generally intelligent fraternity. Many poetical offerings have been made to him by his admirers, which, although they evince a lusty appreciation of Mr. Phillips, are hardly worth more than bare mention.

He refers to his native town in *Oakum Pickings*, as follows:—"Away up among the hills and dales of Massachusetts, where the Blackstone winds brightly in the sunlight a mere brook; where the atmosphere is as clear and fragrant as nectar; where, of all the world, the trees and the earth are of the greenest possible tint; where the robin sings in the sweetest strains at morning; where the bluejay is the bluest; where the whippoorwill chirps in tones of the most melancholy sweetness at night; where the moon shines the softest; where the stars twinkle the merriest; and where everything around, in our opinion at least, is primitive, beautiful and smiling, we were born and passed our dear, dreamy, delicious days of boyhood."

#### PRATT.

PHINEAS PRATT, b. 1716, m. Aug. 24, 1749, Susannah Wood, of Mendon. His second wife d. Sept. 22, 1785. He d. Feb. 24, 1793. Children,

1. PHINEAS, b. Apr. 22, 1750. 2. THOMAS, b. July 8, 1754.
3. JOHN C., b. Aug. 16, 1763, m. Anna Wheeler.
4. LUCY, b. Mar. 10, 1766. 5. ABIGAIL, d. Dec. 12, 1785.
6. PETER, d. June 1, 1799.

1-3 JOHN CADY PRATT, (Phineas), b. Aug. 16, 1763, m. June 27, 1786, Anna Wheeler (W), b. Aug. 30, 1767. Children,

1. JOHN C., b. Apr. 8, 1787. 2. LUKE M., b. Oct. 1, 1788.
3. ANNA W., b. Sept. 6, 1790. 4. LEVI G., b. Sept. 30, 1793.
5. JAMES, b. Jan. 4, 1796. 6. PHINEAS, b. May 19, 1799.
7. DIADAMIA, b. Jan. 20, 1801.

BENJAMIN PRATT, m. Dec. 21, 1736, Abigail Axtell (A). Children,

1. THOMAS, b. Feb. 5, 1737. 2. PAUL, b. Feb. 22, 1740.
3. SARAH, b. Nov. 16, 1742. 4. MARY, b. May 21, 1746.
5. ABIGAIL, b. Jan. 23, 1747. 6. HANNAH, b. May 5, 1749.
7. JOSEPH, b. June 12, 1751.

EZRA K. PRATT, m. May 12, 1830, Abigail D. Brigham. Children,

1. FRANCIS B., b. Apr. 19, 1831.

HON. F. B. Pratt worked in the cotton factory at New England Village until nineteen years old; then went to California and remained

until 1859, when he returned from California to New England Village. Remained in New England Village and vicinity until January, 1866, when he went to Madison County, Mississippi, and engaged in planting until 1871. Was admitted to practice law in 1868, and has been engaged in the practice of said profession at Canton, Miss., from 1870 to the present time. Held the offices of justice of the peace and president of the Board of Supervisors, of Madison County, for several years prior to 1870. Appointed district attorney for 14th district of Mississippi, in 1870, and elected to that office for a term of four years in 1871, on the Republican ticket. Elected to the State senate for a term of four years, from Madison County, on a compromise ticket, in 1875. Is now practising law at Canton.

2. JEROME G., b. Jan. 1, 1834. 3. ADELIA M., b. Apr. 27, 1836.

4. HENRY H., b. Aug. 12, 1840. 5. GEORGE D., b. Aug. 16, 1842.

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LEANDER S. PRATT, (Sheppard), m. May 19, 1835, Martha H. Stone (S); m. 2nd, Sept., 1864, Cornelia A. Rice. Res. Worcester. Children,

1. HENRY W., b. July 4, 1837, m. Mary E. Fisk. Res. New York city.  
2. CHARLES L., b. Nov. 6, 1839, m. Jan. 17, 1866, Anna Tidd, s. p.

He graduated from Grafton Academy, and in 1865 formed a co-partnership with his father, under the firm name of L. S. Pratt & Co. This continued for three years, when the company dissolved, and the business was continued by Charles L. until February, 1877, when the property was sold to E. W. Holbrook, Esq., of New York city, since which time the mills have been known as the "Quaker Cotton Mills," Mr. Pratt having the charge, and acting as agent. He was elected representative to the General Court from the Twelfth Worcester District (comprising the towns of Grafton and Shrewsbury), in November, 1873. He has also held other important town offices.

3. MARTHA L., b. May 9, 1842, d. Aug. 30, 1843.

4. HERBERT L., b. Sept., 1849, m. Abbie A. Haven; res. Cornwall, Ont.

5. ALBERT S., b. Jan. 24, 1852, d. Sept. 25, 1877.

6. CLARENCE R., b. Oct. 15, 1854, unm. 7. EMMA W., b. Mar. 11, 1867.

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HARVEY J. PRATT, m. May 4, 1834, Lucy E. Goulding (G), b. Nov. 28, 1807. Children,

1. ANN E., b. Jan. 18, 1835, d. May 22, 1840.

2. S. MARIA, b. Sept. 5, 1836. 3. SHEPARD H., b. Aug. 13, 1838.

4. SARAH G., b. Jan. 4, 1840. 5. ANN E., b. Feb. 1, 1842.

6. CHARLES T., b. Apr. 6, 1843. 7. EZEKIEL B. 8. LEWIS B.

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ELEAZER PRATT, of Westborough, m. Mary Druce, Sept. 26, 1776.

## PRENTICE.

HENRY PRENTICE, planter, of Cambridge, was b. in England, came to Cambridge prior to 1640; freeman in Cambridge, May 22, 1650.

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REV. SOLOMON PRENTICE, (Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. May 11, 1705, m. Oct. 26, 1732, Sarah Sartell, of Groton, b. 1716, d. Aug. 28, 1792. He d. May 22, 1773.

Mrs. Prentice seems to have been a woman of learning and independence of thought and character. It is said that "she was so convers-



ant with the Bible that she could repeat any part of it, and could write a good sermon." I find it stated that when Mr. Prentice "courted" her, they sat on the trunk of a tree in the woods, and he proposed to her in the language of Naomi to Ruth, and she accepted him with Ruth's reply. But the course of true love did not always run smooth. In her independence she adopted religious views of her own, one of which was that immersion was true baptism, and, during the absence of her husband, was immersed. On his return the theological war, which was already raging in the parish, broke out in the household, and during it, as tradition says, he exclaimed, "Ah, it's water, it's water is it that you want? Well, you shall have water," and he dashed a pailful over her. This was probably but a temporary affair, a sudden domestic storm which soon passed and left the skies clearer and brighter than ever. At all events, in his will he provided most carefully for her, making provision that "his wife Sarah is to live in his house, and have all his household goods and furniture and indoor movables; his riding chair and horse, which is to be well kept for her, summer and winter, and replaced if he fails; her fire-wood cut at her door; as much *cyder* as she shall have occasion to use in the house; full and free liberty to put up a friend's horse or horses, to hay in winter and grass in summer, when they come to visit her, etc., all to be provided by Solomon for her sole use and benefit during her natural life. £16 to be paid her annually by my sons." Both sleep, side by side, in the old burial ground here.

The old Bible which Rev. Solomon Prentice used while pastor of the Congregational Church, was known as the "Sartell Bible," and was formerly owned by his father-in-law, Nathaniel Sartell. The following is a copy of the memorandum written by Nathaniel Sartell, when he was shipwrecked; it is on the last cover of the Bible, inside:—"Feb. ye 14, 1718; I was cast on the rocks of Quibberone, near Bellisle, in the Bay of Resinnea, all my men lost. N. SARTELL."

He then put the Bible in a cask, and threw it overboard, expecting to be lost himself. When the vessel went to pieces he took the cabin boy on his back and swam to a rock, where he remained all night, much bruised and exhausted. The boy died in the night; he was rescued in the morning. The Bible was also saved. The Bible was printed in 1707; the covers were of half-inch oak, with stamped leather outside, and large wrought brass clasps; the covers projected an inch and saved the leaves, which are now in a good state of preservation.

"In memory of ye Rev'd. Solomon Prentice, who was ordained first pastor of ye ch. in Grafton, Dec. 29, 1731, and continued in that sacred relation to them about 16 years, afterwards in various places was employed in publishing ye glad tidings of peace and salvation until near ye close of life, May 22, 1773, when, aged 68 years, he fell a sleep in expectation of a glorious immortality, Blessed are ye dead that die in ye Lord." The above was copied from his grave-stone. Children,

1. SOLOMON, Jr., b. Oct. 29, 1733, killed while blasting a well for William Brigham, on Brigham Hill, Oct. 25, 1747.
2. NATHANIEL S., b. Dec. 8, 1735, m. Martha Howard and ———.
3. SARAH, b. Feb. 14, 1737, d. March 2, 1737.
4. JOHN, b. Feb. 24, 1738, m. Sarah Brooks and Rebecca Richardson.
5. SARAH, b. Nov. 29, 1740, d.
6. HENRY, b. Nov. 17, 1742, m. Sarah Rice and Anna (Brigham) Harrington.
7. SARAH, b. July 1, 1744, m. William Brigham (B).
8. LYDIA, b. May 22, 1746, d. in infancy.
9. SOLOMON, b. Aug. 13, 1748, m. Ann Holbrook and ———.
10. MARY, b. Aug. 12, 1751, m. Anos Binney, and removed to Hull.

- 1-2 NATHANIEL S. PRENTICE, (Rev. Solomon, Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. Dec. 8, 1735, m. 1757, Martha Howard, d. 1806. He rev. to Alstead, N. H., in 1774, and d. there Jan. 24, 1815. He was town clerk in Grafton. At the age of 80 he m. a 2nd wife. He was major in the revolutionary army, Judge of Probate and Judge of C. C. P. for Cheshire Co., N. H. Children, b. in Grafton,

1. SUSANNAH, b. July 5, 1759, m. John Banks, rev. to Alstead, N. H.
2. MARTHA, b. Nov. 24, 1761, m. John D. Brooks, rev. to Bethel, Va.
3. OLIVER H., b. April 4, 1764, d. 1778.
4. SARTELL, b. Oct. 27, 1767, m. Jemima Parmlee, rev. to Newport, Vt.
5. MARY, b. Aug. 3, 1769, m. Benjamin Brooks, rev. to Dalton, N. H.
6. JOSIAH, b. Feb. 17, 1772.

Rev. Josiah Prentice was born in Grafton, and graduated at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H., 1795, studied Theology with Dr. Emmons, of Franklin. After his marriage he removed to Northwood, N. H., and was settled as Congregational minister there. Ordained May 29, 1799. Resigned in consequence of infirmities, Nov. 3, 1842. He was a strict Orthodox minister, a pious and good man.

7. JOSHUA, b. May 18, 1774, d. 1785.

- 2-4 JOHN PRENTICE, (Rev. Solomon, Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. Feb. 24, 1738, m. Dec. 8, 1763, Sarah Brooks, b. 1744, d. March, 1779; m. 2nd, 1785, Rebecca Richardson, b. 1741, d. May 15, 1838. He was town clerk in Grafton, and Representative to the General Court from Ward (Auburn), in 1784, to which town he removed from Grafton.

John Prentice took care of his mother, Sarah, at his house, in her old age, and at whose house she died; but was buried beside her husband in the old burying-ground, nearly opposite the wide gate. She carried many of her things with her to Ward, including a silver tankard and considerable other silver ware, which was divided at her death; but none of the heirs had veneration enough to preserve it whole. Some was melted up into spoons. Josiah S. Prentice, of Oxford, had the large family Bible formerly the property of her father, Nathaniel Sartell, and which Rev. Solomon used in the pulpit in the old church and from which all their children learned to read.

#### Children,

1. SARAH, b. June 3, 1765, m. Zachariah Richardson.
2. LUCY, b. Nov. 27, 1768, m. Hartwell Howard.
3. OTIS, b. Oct. 31, 1770, m. Lucretia Jackson and Hannah Abbott, res. in Northbridge.
4. RHODA, b. Jan. 14, 1775, m. John Clark.
5. ELIJAH, b. Dec. 26, 1776, m. Betsey Knowles, and res. in Auburn.
6. JOSIAH S., b. Dec. 27, 1778, m. Ann Waters and Mary (Farrar) Stevens, res. in Oxford.
7. JOHN, b. April 25, 1786, m. Azuba Towne, and res. in Millbury.

- 3-6 HENRY PRENTICE, (Rev. Solomon, Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. Nov. 17, 1742, m. Dec. 10, 1763, Sarah Rice, b. 1744, (Joseph, Joseph, Phineas, Joseph, Edmund), d. Sept. 14, 1778; m. 2nd, Anna (Brigham) Harrington, b. 1744, d. Sept. 11, 1831. He d. Dec. 23, 1781. He kept the hotel in the Centre.

#### Children,

1. HANNAH, b. Dec. 20, 1764, m. Moses Harrington (H).
2. SARAH, b. Oct. 31, 1766, m. Jonathan Warren (W).

3. LYDIA, b. Oct. 30, 1768, m. Joshua Chase.
  - 5 4. JOSEPH, b. July 19, 1770, m. Priscilla Merriam.
  5. ELIZABETH, b. April 23, 1772, d. Aug. 22, 1773.
  - 6 6. SOLOMON, b. Sept. 22, 1774, m. Tabitha Leland and Mrs. Phillips.
  7. HENRY, b. Aug. 12, 1776, m. Mary Pratt.
  - 7 8. TARTIUS, b. Aug. 10, 1778, m. Polly Sherman and Fanny Goulding.
  - 8 9. CHARLES, b. Aug. 21, 1781, m. Elizabeth (Case) Merriam.
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- 4-9 SOLOMON PRENTICE, JR., (Solomon, Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. Aug. 15, 1748, m. 1770, Ann Holbrook (H), b. Aug. 19, 1773. He resided in Hull, and returned to this town in 1772-3. He moved to Alstead, N. H., 1775, and returned here in 1781, finally returning to Alstead in 1787. After the death of his wife, March, 1788, he removed to North Carolina. He with others were engaged in the wild goose chase after Capt. Kidd's (the noted pirate) money. Children, b. in town,
1. SOLOMON, b. Aug. 19, 1773, m. Elizabeth Fay.
  2. ASA, b. Dec. 19, 1777, learned the hatter's trade in Providence, R. I., went to Havana, and died there of yellow fever, 1804.
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- 5-4 JOSEPH PRENTICE, (Henry, Rev. Solomon, Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. July 19, 1770, m. June 26, 1796, Priscilla Merriam (M). Children,
1. SALLY, b. Nov. 9, 1796, m. Moses H. Adams (A).
  2. HORACE, b. April 12, 1798, m. M. S. Donahue.
  3. CHARLES, b. July 21, 1799, d. in Low, 1823.
  4. TARRANT M., b. Jan. 2, 1810, d. Aug. 25, 1843.
  5. MARIA E., b. July 9, 1813, m. William D. Petit.
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- 6-6 SOLOMON PRENTICE, (Henry, Rev. Solomon, Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. Sept. 22, 1774, m. Jan. 18, 1800, Tabitha Leland (L), b. 1780, d. April 13, 1846; m. 2nd, 1848, Mrs. Phillips, of Southborough. He d. Feb. 27, 1855. Children,
1. SALLY, b. 1802, d. unm. 1849.
  - 9 2. SOLOMON L., b. 1802, m. Polly J. Whitney.
  - 10 3. HENRY, b. 1807, m. Tabitha Southwick.
  - 11 4. WILLIAM, b. 1810, m. Harriet Sibley and Eliza A. Chase.
  - 12 5. CHARLES, b. 1812, m. Betty Leland.
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- 7-8 TARTIUS PRENTICE, (Henry, Rev. Solomon, Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. Aug. 10, 1778, m. Polly Sherman (S), and Fanny Goulding. He res. in this town until 1822, then in Shrewsbury, Northborough and Millbury. Children,
1. ELIZABETH, b. April 4, 1801, d. Jan. 19, 1824.
  2. JOHN, b. Oct. 4, 1803, m. Eliza Rice.
  3. EDWIN, m. Eunice W. ———.
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- 8-9 CHARLES PRENTICE, (Henry, Rev. Solomon, Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. Aug. 21, 1781, m. Elizabeth Case Merriam (M), s. p. He was town clerk here for many years, and d. 1851.
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- 9-2 SOLOMON L. PRENTICE, (Solomon, Henry, Rev. Solomon, Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. 1802, m. Polly J. Whitney (W). Children,
1. ANN M., b. March 18, 1830. 2. SARAH R., b. Feb. 2, 1833.
  3. MARY E., b. July 10, 1835, d. Aug. 9, 1837.

- 10-3 HENRY PRENTICE, (Solomon, Henry, Rev. Solomon, Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. 1807, m. Tabitha Southwick, b. 1809. He rev. to Worcester, and was a member of the Common Council in 1851. Children,  
1. GEORGE H., b. 1834. 2. HARRISON S., b. 1836.  
3. CHARLES E., b. 1840, d. 1841.
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- 11-4 WILLIAM PRENTICE, (Solomon, Henry, Rev. Solomon, Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. 1810, m. Harriet Sibley, b. 1810, d. Aug. 15, 1839; m. 2nd, Jan. 7, 1841, Eliza A. Chase. Children,  
1. JULIA A., b. Apr. 3, 1836. 2. DELIA E., b. 1838, d. Sept. 21, 1838.  
3. WILLIAM H., b. July, 1844, d. Aug. 19, 1846.
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- 12-5 CHARLES PRENTICE, (Solomon, Henry, Rev. Solomon, Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. 1812, m. Betty Leland, b. 1817. He res. in New England Village, a butcher. Children,  
1. CHARLES S., b. Sept. 30, 1842. 2. JAMES E., b. 1844.  
3. HENRY L., b. 1846.
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- STEPHEN PRENTICE, (Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. Feb. 26, 1719, m. Esther ———.
- Removed from Cambridge to this town, where his brother, Rev. Solomon, resided, and who, in his will, 1742, gives "his brother Stephen the use of twenty acres of land he now lives on, for life, then to return to my son Solomon." He was a "saddler." Children,  
1. SAMUEL, b. Mar. 23, 1742, m. Lydia Dickson.  
2. STEPHEN, b. Nov. 11, 1744, m. Mary ———.  
3. REUBEN, b. Feb. 18, 1746, d. Aug. 4, 1750.  
4. MARY, b. Sept. 15, 1748. 5. REUBEN, b. Nov. 20, 1752.  
6. THADDEUS, b. Nov. 20, 1754.  
7. DANIEL, b. Jan. 26, 1758, m. Abigail Standley.  
8. HADASSAH E., b. July 22, 1761, m. Benjamin White (W).
- One of these daughters lived in Charlton, in 1808, and was called "old mother Prentice." Stephen is called a saddler in a deed, in 1741, and Stephen and Esther deed land here to Solomon Prentice, clerk, in 1751. He was here in 1773. In 1758, he signs the discharge for his part of his father's estate; Deborah and Esther Prentice, and Lydia (Prentice) Cooper, witnesses. Solomon is there called "saddler."
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- 13-1 SAMUEL PRENTICE, (Stephen, Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. Mar. 23, 1742, m. Lydia Dickson. Ch.,  
1. RUTH D., b. Dec. 25, 1770, pub. May 15, 1794, to John Gould, of Sutton.
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- 14-2 STEPHEN PRENTICE, (Stephen, Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. Nov. 11, 1744, m. Mary ———. Ch.,  
1. STEPHEN, b. Oct. 26, 1777.
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- 15-7 DANIEL PRENTICE, (Stephen, Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. Jan. 26, 1758, m. July 18, 1779, Abigail Standley. He rev. to Townsend, Mass. Children,  
1. DANIEL, b. Oct. 5, 1780, m. Letitia ———.  
2. SAMUEL, b. July 18, 1782, m. Sally ———.  
3. RUSSELL S., b. Sept. 8, 1784. 4. ABIGAIL, b. July 12, 1786.  
5. JOEL, b. Apr. 2, 1788, of Lincoln[?].



- 18 6. RUFUS, b. Feb. 7, 1790, m. Abigail ———, Mary ———, and Sarah ———.  
 7. ROBERT, b. Mar. 15, 1792, m. Mary Ann ———.  
 8. IRA, b. June 7, 1794. 9. BETSEY, b. Mar. 9, 1796.  
 10. JOSIAH, b. July 24, 1799.
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- 16-1 DANIEL PRENTICE, (Daniel, Stephen, Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. Oct. 5, 1780, m. Letitia ———. Children,  
 1. LORY, b. Sept. 18, 1804. 2. EDWIN, b. Dec. 1, 1806.  
 3. CALVIN, b. Mar. 13, 1809, m. Ann E. ———. Res. in Northbridge.  
 4. LEWIS, b. Oct. 17, 1811. 5. DANIEL G., b. Mar. 10, 1815.  
 6. IRA, b. Mar. 19, 1818. 7. CHARLES V., b. Feb. 23, 1821.
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- 17-2 SAMUEL PRENTICE, (Daniel, Stephen, Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. July 18, 1782, m. Sally ———. Children,  
 1. MAHALAH, b. Oct. 14, 1807.  
 2. ELBRIDGE G., b. Feb. 3, 1810, d. Dec. 7, 1812.  
 3. SARAH L., b. Feb. 7, 1813..  
 4. SAMUEL E., b. Dec. 28, 1815, d. Feb. 22, 1823.  
 5. JULIA A., b. Dec. 14, 1817, d. Aug. 12, 1821.  
 6. FRANCIS B., b. Nov. 15, 1819, d. Aug. 15, 1821.  
 7. JULIA E., b. Jan. 15, 1822.  
 8. SUSAN C., b. Feb. 9, 1824, d. Mar. 4, 1841.  
 9. SAMUEL F., b. Feb. 9, 1826. 10. CHARLES B., b. Aug. 5, 1828.  
 11. ABIGAIL A., b. Aug. 9, 1830.
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- 18-6 RUFUS PRENTICE, (Daniel, Stephen, Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. Feb. 7, 1790, m. Abigail ———, b. 1793, d. Aug. 30, 1822; m. 2nd, Mary ———, b. 1793, d. Mar. 15, 1832; m. 3rd, Sarah ———. Children,  
 1. RUFUS DWIGHT, b. July 5, 1816, *non compos mentis*, d.  
 19 2. HENRY E., b. Mar. 19, 1819, m. Sarah Jane Drury.  
 3. ABIGAIL S., b. Feb. 20, 1820, m. John B. White (W).  
 4. SUSAN, b. Aug. 21, 1822, d. Oct. 20, 1822.  
 5. ELBRIDGE G., b. Mar. 22, 1824. 6. MARY A., b. Jan. 23, 1826.  
 7. HARRIET S., b. Oct. 13, 1828.  
 8. CHARLES R., b. Feb. 7, 1832, m. Amanda Congdon.  
 He is a stone mason, and res. on Congdon Hill.  
 9. SARAH E., b. Aug. 20, 1835.
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- 19-2 HENRY G. PRENTICE, (Rufus, Daniel, Stephen, Solomon, Solomon, Henry), b. Mar. 19, 1818, m. Aug., 1839, Sarah Jane Drury. Children,  
 1. GEORGE H., b. June 4, 1841, m. Lydia How and Caroline Robbins.  
 2. EMMA S., b. Apr. 23, 1844, d. Jan. 1, 1870.  
 3. HARRIET A., b. Feb. 19, 1846. 4. ADELIA R., b. Mar. 6, 1857.

### PUTNAM.

JOHN and PRISCILLA PUTNAM came from Buckinghamshire, England, in 1634, and settled in Salem, now Danvers. He d. Dec. 30, 1662.

ZADOCK PUTNAM, (Zadock, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Abigail ———, who d. May 29, 1822. He d. Oct. 2, 1819. He came here from Salem over a century ago. Children,

- 1 1. JOHN, b. Feb. 7, 1778, m. Anna R. Wheeler.
- 2 2. GEORGE W., b. June 5, 1780, m. Priscilla Wheeler.



- 1-1 JOHN PUTNAM, (Zadock, Zadock, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. Feb. 7, 1778, m. Aug. 19, 1798, Anna R. Wheeler (W), b. Feb. 21, 1779, d. Oct. 13, 1873. He d. July 14, 1859. Children,
1. NANCY A., b. Dec. 1, 1799, m. Levi Smith.
  - 3 2. JOHN, b. Sept. 5, 1800, m. Sarah W. Nelson.
  - 4 3. JASPER W., b. June 3, 1802, m. Mary Kimball.
  - 5 4. LEWIS, b. June 10, 1804, m. Puah Mellen and Elmira Parker.
  - 5 5. ELBRIDGE G., b. Dec. 4, 1805, m. Eunice Knowlton.
  - 6 6. ZADOCK E., b. July 20, 1807, d. Oct. 26, 1810.
  - 6 7. JONATHAN R., b. Mar. 3, 1809, m. Sarah A. Bowen.
  8. BETSEY B., b. Sept. 12, 1810, d. Sept. 16, 1810.
  - 7 9. ZADOCK E., b. Oct. 28, 1811, m. Harriet N. Monroe.
  10. MARY E., b. Sept. 26, 1814, m. Albert A. Payne. Res. Portsmouth, N. H.
  11. ABIGAIL M., b. June 8, 1817, m. John M. Wood.
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- 2-2 GEORGE W. PUTNAM, (Zadock, Zadock, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. June 5, 1780, m. May 5, 1803, Priscilla Wheeler (W), b. Dec. 16, 1778. Children,
1. ELIZA, b. June 19, 1804, m. W. B. Harrington and Martin Jacobs.
  - 8 2. SAMUEL W., b. Aug. 17, 1806, m. Aurilla Thayer, Mary Howard and Julia Hathaway.
  3. CYRUS, b. Sept. 14, 1809, d. July 11, 1828.
  - 9 4. JAMES G., b. May 29, 1812, m. Elizabeth T. Cleveland.
  - 10 5. CHARLES, b. Aug. 23, 1815, m. Catherine T. Ingraham.
  6. ADALINE, b. Dec. 9, 1817, m. John Clafin. Res. Worcester.
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- 3-2 JOHN PUTNAM, (John, Zadock, Zadock, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. Sept. 5, 1800, m. May 25, 1829, Sarah W. Nelson, d. Mar. 29, 1878. Children,
1. SARAH E., b. Mar. 24, 1833, m. Samuel H. Knox.
  2. ANN L., b. Nov. 20, 1835, d. Dec. 9, 1852.
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- 4-3 JASPER W. PUTNAM, (John, Zadock, Zadock, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. June 3, 1802, m. Aug. 22, 1824, Mary Kimball, d. Apr. 21, 1878, aged 74. He res. at New England Village.

Until he was sixteen years of age he resided with his father, and attended the common school a portion of the time. Arriving at this age he went to Worcester, where he was engaged as clerk in a dry goods store. On account of sickness he returned home, and resided until his marriage, in 1824, with his father. About this time he erected a building in which he kept dry goods and groceries for some time, until he was bought out by a Boston firm, when he purchased a lot of land of Elijah Brooks, and erected a house and barn. He now began the manufacture of boots and shoes, and in 1830 he formed a co-partnership with John M. Leland, who went to New Orleans, La., to sell the goods. In 1835 the firm erected a building in which to manufacture their goods. The firm here was known as J. W. Putnam & Co., and at New Orleans as J. M. Leland & Co. In 1836 the business was discontinued, and Mr. Putnam was employed by G. R. Putnam for about three years. In 1840 he again began the manufacture of boots and shoes, which he continued most of the time to 1872, since which time he has been out of business. Children,

1. MARY A., b. Jan. 3, 1826, d. Aug. 10, 1833.
  2. FREDERICK W., b. April 14, 1828, m. Elizabeth Crocker.
  3. HARRISON K., b. March 22, 1830, m. Henrietta Crippen.
  4. AUGUSTUS A., b. Feb. 7, 1836, d. April 20, 1871.
  5. CHARLES H., b. Feb. 11, 1838, m. Addie Sargent.
  6. MARY E., b. May 1, 1842, m. George Whitney.
  7. EDWARD J., b. March 10, 1844, m. Emma Wingate.
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- 5-4 LEWIS PUTNAM, (John, Zadock, Zadock, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. June 10, 1804, m. Puah Mellen; m. 2nd, Elmira Parker. Res. Marlborough. Children,
1. JANE M., b. Aug. 6, 1832, m. John E. Curtis.
  2. MARY M., b. Nov. 25, 1834, m. B. M. Fay.
  3. ALBERT L., b. Oct. 1, 1838, d. Jan. 22, 1841.
  4. FRANKLIN L., b. Aug. 28, 1845, m. Ella Eager.
  5. HENRY A., b. Oct. 8, 1849, m. Emma Alexander.
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- 6-7 JONATHAN R. PUTNAM, (John, Zadock, Zadock, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. March 3, 1809, m. 1834, Sarah A. Bowen. He res. in New England Village, and now in Worcester. Ch.,
1. ELLEN A., b. July 8, 1835, m. Edward Bemis and W. H. Harrington.
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- 7-9 ZADOCK E. PUTNAM, (John, Zadock, Zadock, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. Oct. 28, 1811, m. April 16, 1835, Harriet N. Monroe. He d. Nov. 6, 1839, and his widow m. Sumner N. Dinsmore. Ch.,
- 11 1. HENRY E., m. Eliza R. Mills and Abby W. Payne.
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- 8-2 SAMUEL W. PUTNAM, (George W., Zadock, Zadock, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. Aug. 17, 1806, m. Nov. 4, 1830, Aurilla Thayer, b. 1811, d. May 1, 1856; Mary Howard, b. 1827, d. May 31, 1862, and Julia Hathaway. Children,
- 12 1. ELIJA J., b. May 22, 1831, d. March 1, 1856, unm.
  2. GEORGE E., b. May 4, 1835, m. Caroline A. Allen.
  3. FRANCIS A., b. Dec. 3, 1837, d. Feb. 7, 1855.
  4. WILLIAM H., b. Nov. 15, 1839, m. Etta Smith; res. in West Haven, Conn.
  5. ESTELLE A., m. Frank Whitney; res. in Worcester. His widow m. Jonas Allen.
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- 9-4 JAMES G. PUTNAM, (George W., Zadock, Zadock, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. May 29, 1812, m. June 27, 1837, Elizabeth T. Cleveland, b. Nov. 17, 1815. Children,
1. CHARLES C., b. June 15, 1838, unm. Rev. to Nevada.
  2. CLARA M., b. Nov. 3, 1842, unm.
  3. JULIA E., b. Aug. 25, 1846.
  4. MARION C., b. June 21, 1849.
  5. SAMUEL E., b. Aug. 22, 1855.
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- 10-5 CHARLES PUTNAM, (George W., Zadock, Zadock, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. Aug. 23, 1815, m. Caroline T. Ingraham. He rev. to Marlborough. Children,
1. MARIA H., b. March 5, 1840.
  2. HENRY K., b. Oct. 26, 1842.

- 11-1 HENRY E. PUTNAM, (Zadock E., John, Zadock, Zadock, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Eliza R. Mills; m. 2nd, Abby W. Payne, his cousin, b. Nov. 21, 1843. Children,  
1. WILLIS S., b. Feb. 21, 1868. 2. ALBERT H., b. Sept. 19, 1872.

- 12-2 GEORGE E. PUTNAM, (Samuel W., George W., Zadock, Zadock, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. May 4, 1835, m. Aug. 31, 1855, Caroline A. Allen, b. May 22, 1839. Children,  
1. CLARENCE, b. Jan. 17, 1857. 2. FANNIE A., b. Dec. 14, 1858.  
3. IDA A., b. March 19, 1861. 4. AMY E., b. Jan. 27, 1863.

BENJAMIN PUTNAM, by wife Martha, had, Children,  
1. PATTY, b. Nov. 27, 1782. 2. SIMEON, b. Dec. 4, 1784.

JAMES PUTNAM, by wife Elizabeth, had, Children,  
1. BETSEY, b. March 12, 1782. 2. HANNAH, b. April 6, 1784.

JAMES PUTNAM, m. Nov. 9, 1836, Phebe P. Sloane. Children,  
1. JESSE E., b. Nov. 11, 1837. 2. HENRY C., b. July 6, 1839.  
3. GEORGE E., b. Feb. 9, 1841. 4. ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 3, 1844.

RUFUS PUTNAM, by wife Relief H. ———, had, Children,  
1. MARY W., b. July 30, 1815. 2. TIMOTHY, b. April 29, 1817.  
3. ANNA A., b. March 19, 1819.

PLINEY PUTNAM, (Francis), b. Feb. 15, 1801, m. Elizabeth Gray, and d. Feb. 29, 1878. Children,  
1. LEANDER, b. June 15, 1829, m. Isabell Turner; rev. to Worcester.  
2. MARY E., b. Feb. 28, 1832, d. May 3, 1833.  
3. CHARLES, b. March 31, 1834, m. Lucy Gardner.  
4. HORACE, b. July 31, 1836, m. Katie Knox.  
5. PLINEY M., b. July 17, 1841, d. 1846.  
6. MARY J., b. Aug. 4, 1843, d. 1846.

## RAWSON.

EDWARD RAWSON, the progenitor of this family, came to New England in 1636-7, and settled in Newbury. He was a grantee of that town; the second town clerk from 1638 to 1647. He was also selectman, and representative, and was finally chosen secretary of Massachusetts Colony.

JOSIAH RAWSON, (David, William, Edward), b. Jan. 31, 1727, m. Aug. 28, 1750, Hannah Bass. He res. here several years and finally rev. to Warwick, where he d. Feb. 24, 1812. Children,

1. JOSIAH, b. 1751, m. Elizabeth Barrows.
2. SIMEON, b. 1753, m. Ann Holden.
3. ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 14, 1755, m. Joshua Garfield.
4. MARY, b. Nov. 27, 1757, m. David W. Leland (L).
5. ANNA B., b. Oct. 11, 1759, m. Thomas Leland (L).
6. JONATHAN B., b. 1761, m. Livonia Robinson.
7. LYDIA, b. 1763, d. 1781. 8. BETSEY, b. 1765.
9. LEMUEL, b. Jan. 18, 1767, m. Sarah Barrows.
10. AMELIA, b. 1769, m. Seth Ellis.

11. HANNAH, b. 1761, d. unm.
12. SECRETARY, b. Sept. 19, 1773, m. Lucy Russell.

CAPT. SAMUEL RAWSON, (Ebenezer, David, William, Edward), b. Sept. 4, 1771, m. May, 1802, Polly Freeland, dau. of Dr. James Freeland, b. Sept. 17, 1778. Capt. Rawson was a saddler and upholsterer, He res. here until Nov. 1804, when he rev. to Paris, Me., where he d. Jan. 29, 1829. He was a man of strict probity; possessed energy and good judgment; was genial and social, inclined to argument and investigation. He was called into the United States service in 1814, in defence of Portland, Me. At that time he was a lieutenant of artillery; for which service, in later years, his widow received a land warrant. Ch., b. in this town,

1. MARY A., b. May 20, 1803, m. Dr. Simeon Fuller.

ELISHA O. RAWSON, (Edward, David, Elijah, David, William, Edward), b. Jan. 5, 1815, m. Nov., 1834, Emeline Carter. She d. and he rev. to Worcester, where he m. his second wife. Ch., b. here,

1. GEORGE A., b. Sept. 8, 1835.

DERRING J. RAWSON, (Edward, Nathan, Edward, Grindal, Edward), b. Aug. 8, 1798, m. May 28, 1823, Thankful T. Sherman, d. Aug. 4, 1827. They rev. to Worcester. He d. Dec. 20, 1869. Children, b. here,

1. BETSEY S., b. Nov. 20, 1825, d. March 22, 1826.
2. HIRAM J., b. May 27, 1827.

DR. LEVI RAWSON, (Joshua, Wilson, Wilson, Grindal, Edward), b. March 17, 1800, m. April 11, 1826, Alice Temple, d. May 2, 1831; m. 2nd, Feb. 9, 1832, Almira Baker, of Upton. He was graduated at Brown University in the class of 1825. He practised medicine in Farnumsville for fifty years. Ch.,

1. LOUISA A., b. April 26, 1827, m. June 1, 1848, George A. Field, M. D., of Lyndon, Vt. He d. in Columbia, Cal., Dec. 3, 1853. Ch., *Levi R.*, b. March 22, 1849, d. Aug. 25, 1851.

LATTA H. RAWSON, (Asa, Joel, John, Grindal, Edward), b. Dec. 7, 1815, m. Oct. 5, 1836, Rowena L. Smith, d. June 15, 1859. They had five ch., b. elsewhere, in East Douglas and Sutton.

TURNER RAWSON, (John, William, William, William, Edward), b. Sept. 3, 1767, m. Dec. 30. 1805, Polly King, of Sutton. He d. here Jan. 17, 1811.

## REED.

THADEUS REED, b. Dec. 10, 1792, m. Patty Leland, b. 1796, (Eleazer, Phineas, James, Ebenezer, Henry), d. Feb. 10, 1830; m. 2nd, Nabby ——. He was a respectable farmer and a useful man in the town, and on one occasion he represented the town in the legislature. He d. Feb. 24, 1837. Children,

1. HANSON L., b. Aug. 10, 1818. He was graduated at Amherst College, and received the degree of A. B. in the class of 1848. He was assistant instructor at Leicester Academy, and principal of Grafton Academy. His son also gr. at Amherst College.
2. MARTHA E., b. July 6, 1820, d. March 15, 1822.



3. JULIA M., b. Mar. 20, 1823, m. A. H. Daniels.
4. SAMUEL T., b. Jan. 21, 1830, d. Mar. 15, 1840.
5. MARTHA E., b. Sept. 5, 1832.
6. ALMIRA S., b. May 11, 1835, d. Dec. 14, 1836.

**RICE.**

EDMUND RICE came from Barkhamstead, Hertfordshire County, England, and settled in Sudbury, 1638-9. As he shared in the three divisions of land in Sudbury, the first of which was made in 1639, he no doubt resided there at that time. He was selectman several years, deacon of the church, and one of the thirteen petitioners to the General Court for a new plantation.

PHINEAS RICE, (Joseph, Edmund), b. Aug. 24, 1682, m. Oct. 2, 1707, Elizabeth Willard, d. Mar. 9, 1761.

He resided in Sudbury eighteen years, where all his children were born. He removed to Stow, and represented the town in the General Court. He was proprietor of Grafton, and removed there in the early settlement. The following is taken from a Boston paper the day after his death:—"Grafton, Sept. 5, 1768. Mr. Phineas Rice died yesterday of rose cancer, aged 86. It was upon his face, and, when it first appeared, was a small red spot, but grew to the size of a large hen's egg, and eventually wholly prevented his taking any nourishment. He was a member of the church, formerly of Stow, and many years representative from that town. He lived fifty years with his wife. His posterity is not very numerous. He was a gentleman of an enlarged soul, bright parts, a penetrating wit, tenacious memory, well acquainted both with men and books. Had he been favored with the advantages of a liberal education, perhaps his superior had scarce been found in New England. His vigor of body and powers of mind were remarkable in his advanced years, and his reason continued to the last." He d. Sept. 4, 1768. Children, born in Sudbury,

1. HANNAH, b. Feb. 15, 1710, m. Israel Stevens.
- 1 2. JOSEPH, b. May 24, 1712, m. Sarah ——— and Hannah Leland.
3. ANN, b. Oct. 18, 1717, m. Benjamin Chapin.
4. ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 28, 1723, m. Timothy Darling.
5. ISRAEL, b. Nov. 26, 1724.
- 1-2 JOSEPH RICE, (Phineas, Joseph, Edmund), b. May 24, 1712, m. Sarah ———, d. Dec. 31, 1738; m. 2nd, July 16, 1739, Hannah Leland (L), b. 1722, d. 1794. He d. here in that part now Millbury, Feb. 12, 1789. He was a soldier from here in 1757. Children,
- 2 1. PHINEAS, b. Sept. 2, 1735, m. Abigail Livermore.
2. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 14, 1740, m. Benjamin Pulsifer.
3. ISRAEL, b. Nov. 10, 1742, m. Nov. 22, 1764, Lydia Sherman. Rev. to Conway with his sister Elizabeth.
4. SARAH, b. Jan. 22, 1744, m. Dec. 10, 1763, Henry Prentice (P).
5. HANNAH, b. Mar. 23, 1746, d. July 20, 1748.
6. TIMOTHY, b. Feb. 10, 1748, m. Mary Thwing.
7. DANIEL, b. Jan. 19, 1750, d. May 29, 1760.
8. CALEB, b. Mar. 20, 1753, m. Lucy Leland, May 25, 1775.
9. HANNAH, b. Aug. 28, 1755, m. Josiah Brown.
10. MARY, b. Feb. 16, 1758, m. Asa Goodell.
11. DANIEL, b. Sept. 11, 1762, m. Aug. 24, 1784, Anna Holbrook (H). They rev. to Millbury. He d. 1830.



- 2-1 PHINEAS RICE, (Joseph, Phineas, Joseph, Edmund), b. Sept. 2, 1735, m. Oct. 5, 1758, Abigail Livermore, b. Apr. 12, 1741, d. 1813. He rev. to Walpole, N. H. Children, b. here,

1. JOSEPH, b. Jan. 11, 1760.
2. SARAH, b. Nov. 12, 1761, m. Reuben Phillips.
3. OLIVER, b. Feb. 9, 1763, d. young.

JOSEPH F. RICE, (Asa, Asa, Hezekiah, Luke, Daniel, Edward, Edmund), b. Dec. 5, 1808, m. Apr. 7, 1835, Sarah C. Warren (W). He d. Sept. 28, 1840. Children,

1. JOHN W., b. Jan. 11, 1836, d. Mar. 29, 1836.
2. MARY A., b. Mar. 20, 1837.

She married soon after the death of her husband, April 7, 1842, George H. Rice, brother of her late husband, and rev. to Millbury.

JOHN RICE, (Israel, Jonathan, Comfort, Gershom, Gershom, Thomas, Edmund), b. Nov. 30, 1815, m. Jan. 1, 1840, Sarah J. Howe. Ch.,

1. SARAH F., b. May 15, 1842.

STEPHEN RICE, (Perez, Thomas, Thomas, Edmund), b. 1749, m. May 12, 1768, Ruth Stone; m. 2nd, Sept. 18, 1771, Mary Batcheller. Children,

1. DANIEL, b. 1769, d. young.
- 3 2. STEPHEN, b. 1772, m. Polly Packard.
3. RUTH, b. 1774, d. young. 4. RUTH, b. Feb. 7, 1780.
5. MARY, b. Nov. 18, 1782. 6. SUSANNAH, b. May 21, 1789.

- 3-2 STEPHEN RICE, (Stephen, Perez, Thomas, Thomas, Edmund), b. 1772, m. May 15, 1796, Polly Packard. Children,

1. LUCINDA, b. Nov. 4, 1797. 2. DANIEL, b. July 17, 1799.

### ROBBINS.

DANIEL ROBBINS, m. Nov. 25, 1779, Martha Miller; m. 2nd, Nov. 28, 1795, Candice Miller. He rev. from Westborough here, and subsequently rev. to Marlborough. Ch.,

1. DANIEL, b. Aug. 26, 1783.

THOMAS ROBBINS, by wife Lydia, had,

1. THANKFUL, b. Apr. 21, 1714. 2. LYDIA, b. Jan. 23, 1715.
3. LEAH, b. Apr. 25, 1718. 4. ROBERT, b. Nov. 7, 1720.
5. EDITH, b. Jan. 17, 1723. 6. MARY, b. July 6, 1726.
- 1 7. NATHANIEL, b. July 22, 1729.
8. ANNA, b. Feb. 18, 1731.

- 1-7 NATHANIEL ROBBINS, (Thomas), had son,

1. NATHANIEL, m. May 26, 1791, Lydia Holbrook.

JOHN ROBBINS, m. Dec. 9, 1740, Deborah Butterfield.

### ROBERTS.

RICHARD ROBERTS, m. Feb. 22, 1744, Hannah Willard. Children,

1. NOAH, b. July 2, 1745, d. July 13, 1748.

2. HANNAH, b. May 27, 1747. 3. NOAH, b. Oct. 30, 1750.  
4. MOSES, b. May 23, 1753. 5. LYDIA, b. Dec. 20, 1758.

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JOHN ROBERTS, m. July 6, 1780, Tabithy Leland (L), b. 1753, d. July 14, 1843. He d. Aug. 30, 1823. Children,

- 1-2 1. HANNAH, b. 1782, m. William Stearnes.  
2. MOSES, b. 1784, m. Susannah Ellis.  
3. TABITHA, b. 1788, m. Isaac Southwick.  
4. LUCY L., b. 1789, m. Charles Smith.

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- 1-2 MOSES ROBERTS, (John), b. 1784, m. Susannah Ellis. Children,  
1. JULIA A., b. Mar. 8, 1809, m. Robert G. Taft.  
2. SUSAN E., b. Sept. 27, 1810, m. Millott Baker (B).  
3. HANNAH S., b. Apr. 28, 1813, m. Gregory S. Leland.  
4. RACHEL E., b. Mar. 8, 1819, m. Sumner Packard.  
5. CLARISSA L., b. July 2, 1825.  
6. MOSES V., b. Aug. 25, 1830, d. Aug. 26, 1831.

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AMOS ROBERTS, by wife Hannah, had,

1. BEULAH CHASE, b. Apr. 23, 1811.

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JOHN ROBERTS, m. June 5, 1746, Elizabeth Fay.

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BENJAMIN ROBERTS, m. Mar. 26, 1786, Ruth Druce.

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### ROSBOROUGH.

JAMES ROSBOROUGH, by wife Margaret, had,

1. MARY, b. Feb. 11, 1737. 2. JOHN, b. May 24, 1738.  
3. JAMES, b. Oct. 3, 1740. 4. SARAH, b. Apr. 24, 1743.  
5. GERSHOM, b. May 29, 1744. 6. THANKFUL, b. Oct. 1, 1745.  
7. ELEAZER, b. Dec. 17, 1747, m. 1772, Hannah Hanes.

Soon after his marriage he removed to Lancaster, and finally settled in Colebrook. Here life in the woods began in earnest. He joined the American army, and during the Revolutionary war was absent from his family most of the time. Hardy, fearless and wary, he was of great value to the American forces in the irregular warfare which they were compelled to carry on with the Indians, under English officers, on the Canadian frontier. Many were the "hair-breadth" escapes he made by his superior cunning. He removed to Guildhall, Vt. This town was quite a rendezvous for the Indians, and his own cabin, some distance from any other, was their favorite place of resort when he himself was gone, and no one at home but his wife and little daughters. Captain Rosborough remained long enough at Guildhall to become the possessor of a fine farm, which he sold in 1792, and moved into Nash and Sawyer's location, where he built a large two-story house, barns, stable, sheds, saw-mill and grist-mill. Hardly, however, had he become comfortably situated, when a cancer broke out upon his lip, which after a short time caused his death, September 27, 1817. Ethan Allen Crawford, the "Giant of the hills," was the heir of Captain Rosborough's property. The first Crawford House in the White Mountains was built by Ethan and his father.

8. WILLIAM, b. May 26, 1749.

**SHERMAN.**

CAPT. JOHN SHERMAN, b. in Dedham, Essex County, England, 1613, came to America in 1634, and settled in Watertown. He was admitted freeman, May 17, 1637; was selectman many times from 1637 to 1680; town clerk, 1648, and often afterwards; representative, 1651, 1653 and 1663. He d. Jan. 25, 1691.

EPHRAIM SHERMAN, (John, Joseph, Capt. John), b. March 31, 1710, m. May 16, 1733, Thankful Temple, b. Sept. 20, 1713. He res. on the Luke Leland place in Farnumsville. Children,

- 1 1. EPHRAIM, b. March 19, 1734, m. Mary ———.
2. LYDIA, b. Jan. 1, 1735, m. Col. Luke Drury (D).
3. ISAAC, b. Jan. 6, 1737, d. Feb. 10, 1737.
4. THANKFUL, b. July 21, 1739, m. Jonathan Chase, of Sutton.
5. SARAH, b. Sept. 20, 1741. 6. MARY, b. Oct. 28, 1743.
7. PERSIS, b. Sept. 26, 1746.
- 2 8. AARON, b. Aug. 25, 1748, m. Sarah Kimball.
9. MARTHA, b. Oct. 8, 1750, m. Manoah Drury (D).
- 3 10. MOSES, b. Sept. 12, 1752, m. Molly ———.
11. DAVID, b. Feb. 8, 1755, d. unm.
12. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 27, 1759, d. July 5, 1759.

1-1 EPHRAIM SHERMAN, (Ephraim, John, Joseph, Capt. John), b. March 19, 1734, m. Mary ———. Children,

1. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 27, 1760. 2. LYDIA, b. Feb. 17, 1763.
3. MARTHA, b. March 17, 1765.
- 4 4. EPHRAIM, b. July 9, 1767, m. Remember ———.
5. THANKFUL, b. Aug. 5, 1769.

2-8 AARON SHERMAN, (Ephraim, John, Joseph, Capt. John), b. Aug. 25, 1748; m. April 6, 1774, Sarah Kimball (K). Children,

1. SALLY, b. Dec. 14, 1774. 2. ELIJAH, b. Sept. 19, 1776.
3. AARON, b. Oct. 21, 1778. 4. EPHRAIM, b. Nov. 19, 1780.

3-10 MOSES SHERMAN, (Ephraim, John, Joseph, Capt. John), b. Sept. 12, 1752, m. Molly ———. He res. in the old house, which was taken down, and which was situated nearly in front of the present location of the house of Dr. W. B. Maxwell, in Farnumsville.  
Children,

1. BETSEY, b. Aug. 26, 1777.
- 5 2. MOSES, b. Jan. 17, 1779, m. Louisa Cooper.
3. POLLY, b. Aug. 14, 1780. 4. BENJAMIN H., b. Sept. 22, 1781.
5. SALLY H., b. March 22, 1783, m. Benjamin Bassett; res. in Holden.
- 6 6. DAVID, b. June 10, 1784, m. Prushi Warren.
7. AUSTIN D., b. Sept. 10, 1786, m. Betsey Sibley; res. in Northbridge.
8. JOHN, b. Nov. 27, 1791, m. Eliza Johnson; res. in Worcester.
9. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 9, 1793, m. Deborah Sibley.
10. JAMES, b. May 30, 1797. 11. THANKFUL, b. Nov. 10, 1802.
12. HANNAH, b. Oct. 24, 1810, m. Whitney Alexander; res. in Providence, R. I.

4-4 EPHRAIM SHERMAN, (Ephraim, Ephraim, John, Joseph, Capt. John), b. July 9, 1767, m. Remember ———. Children,

1. POLLY, b. June 24, 1790. 2. RUTH, b. Aug. 17, 1791.

- 5-2 MOSES SHERMAN, (Moses, Ephraim, John, Joseph, Capt. John), b. Jan. 17, 1779, m. Louisa Cooper. Children,  
 1. PARTHENIA C., b. May 2, 1833. 2. GEORGE L., b. Nov. 10, 1834.  
 3. ANN L., b. Nov. 16, 1836. 4. CHARLES M., b. Nov. 26, 1838.  
 5. EMMA L., b. Nov. 1, 1840.

- 6-6 DAVID SHERMAN, (Moses, Ephraim, John, Joseph, Capt. John), b. June 10, 1784, m. Prushi Warren (W), b. Dec. 1, 1785. Children,  
 1. PHILA W., b. March 1, 1805, unm.  
 2. DAVID, b. Sept. 1, 1806, m. Nancy Wilmarth, and d. Oct. 27, 1841, leaving one daughter.  
 3. PRUSHI A., b. May 11, 1813, m. George W. Hastings.

He came to this town Feb. 14, 1835, from Holden. In 1839, he began the manufacture of heelball in the basement of the old Baptist Church near the Quinsigamond River, with a capital of fourteen cents, invested as follows: twelve cents in tallow and two cents in lampblack. He continued here for a short time and then moved to his house on South street. When "Hancock's Block" was completed he rented a room in the upper part and continued there until the breaking out of the rebellion in 1861. During his stay here his business increased to a large extent. At the breaking out of the rebellion he entered the service, subsequently being discharged for disability. He engaged in the business again in Stockwell's shop, at the rear of his tailoring establishment, and then moved to Pogue's shop, near the Catholic Church. Here he continued for some time, and finally sold out his interest to parties in Wellesley, at which place the business has since been continued.

4. DELPHA W., b. May 29, 1818, d. unm. May 5, 1876.

- 7-9 SAMUEL SHERMAN, (Moses, Ephraim, John, Joseph, Capt. John), b. Dec. 9, 1793, m. June 17, 1817, Deborah Sibley, b. Aug. 5, 1798. He d. July 6, 1869. Ch.,  
 1. TARRANT, b. April 4, 1818, m. Sarah M. Bassett.

- 8-1 TARRANT SHERMAN, (Samuel, Moses, Ephraim, John, Joseph, Capt. John), b. April 4, 1818, m. Nov. 25, 1842, Sarah M. Bassett, b. Feb. 7, 1812. Children,  
 1. CHRISTINA M., b. March 24, 1843, m. Ora S. Gibbs.  
 2. LORENZO E. S., b. July 24, 1845, m. Lydia Thorndyke, s. p.  
 3. MELISSA S., b. Aug. 25, 1848, m. Henry Wood.

JOHN SHERMAN, (John, Joseph, Capt. John), brother of Ephraim, b. Feb. 7, 1713, m. Dec. 12, 1739, Eunice Howe (H), b. July 22, 1712, d. July 2, 1772. He d. April 9, 1785. Children,

- 9 1. EUNICE, b. Sept. 21, 1740.  
 10 2. JOHN, b. Nov. 28, 1742, m. Mary ———.  
 3. TIMOTHY, b. March 8, 1745, m. Sarah ———.  
 4. HANNAH, b. Feb. 20, 1746. 5. STEPHEN, b. March 27, 1748.  
 6. DANIEL, b. Jan. 7, 1752, d. Aug. 15, 1753.  
 7. DANIEL, b. June 4, 1754.

- 9-2 JOHN SHERMAN, (John, John, Joseph, Capt. John), b. Nov. 28, 1742, m. Mary ———. He d. April 17, 1775. Children,  
 1. HANNAH, b. Sept. 15, 1769.



2. JOHN, b. March 6, 1772, d. May 20, 1776.

3. MOLLY, b. May 9, 1774, d. June 5, 1776.

10-3 TIMOTHY SHERMAN, (John, John, Joseph, Capt. John), b. March 8, 1745, m. Sarah ———. Children,

1. SUSANNAH, b. Nov. 29, 1773. 2. SARAH, b. Dec. 20, 1775.

3. JOHN, b. Oct. 1, 1777, d. April 15, 1779.

4. MOLLY, b. June 28, 1780, m. Tartius Prentice (P).

5. HANNAH, b. July 8, 1783.

6. EUNICE, b. Dec. 27, 1784, m. ——— Cheney.

7. NANCY, b. March 16, 1789.

NATHANIEL SHERMAN, (Joseph, Capt. John), b. in Watertown, Sept. 19, 1696, m. March 31, 1726, Mary Livermore, b. Dec., 1702.

Children,

1. MARY, b. Dec. 9, 1726. 2. BETTY, b. June 14, 1728.

3. MARTHA, b. Feb. 16, 1730.

12 4. NATHANIEL, b. March 4, 1732, m. Abigail Lyon and Polly Stearnes.

5. MILLESANT, b. April 10, 1734.

6. ASAPH, b. Aug. 22, 1736, d. July 22, 1741.

7. SARAH, b. Oct. 30, 1738.

13 8. ASAPH, b. March 6, 1741, m. Lucy Whitney.

9. PRUDENCE, b. June 22, 1745.

12-4 NATHANIEL SHERMAN, (Nathaniel, Joseph, Capt. John), b. March 4, 1732, m. April 9, 1760, Abigail Lyon; m. 2nd, Aug. 15, 1790, Polly Stearnes. Children,

1. MARY, b. Dec. 16, 1760. 2. JOSEPH, b. March 27, 1762.

3. DANIEL, b. Feb. 5, 1764. 4. ANNA, b. Jan. 5, 1766.

5. SARAH, b. Sept. 19, 1770. 6. SUSANNAH, b. May 29, 1777.

13-8 ASAPH SHERMAN, (Nathaniel, Joseph, Capt. John), b. March 6, 1741, m. July 14, 1762, Lucy Whitney, b. Aug. 27, 1744. Children,

1. JONATHAN, b. July 18, 1763. 2. CLARY, b. Dec. 1, 1764.

3. LUCY, b. Oct. 25, 1766. 4. BETTY, b. Dec. 11, 1768.

5. SUSANNAH, b. Nov. 22, 1770. 6. CANDICE, b. Nov. 18, 1772.

### SIBLEY.

The first Sibleys came to this country from England in the fleet in 1629, and settled in Salem. The ancestor of the Sibleys in this town was John, who united with the church at Charlestown, Dec. 21, 1634. He was made freeman, May 6, 1635. He was selectman and also representative. He died in 1661, leaving a large family.

WILLIAM SIBLEY, (William, William, Joseph, John), b. 1753, m. Feb. 14, 1782, Abigail Fay, b. 1759, d. July 20, 1838. He d. June 22, 1808, in Royalston. Children,

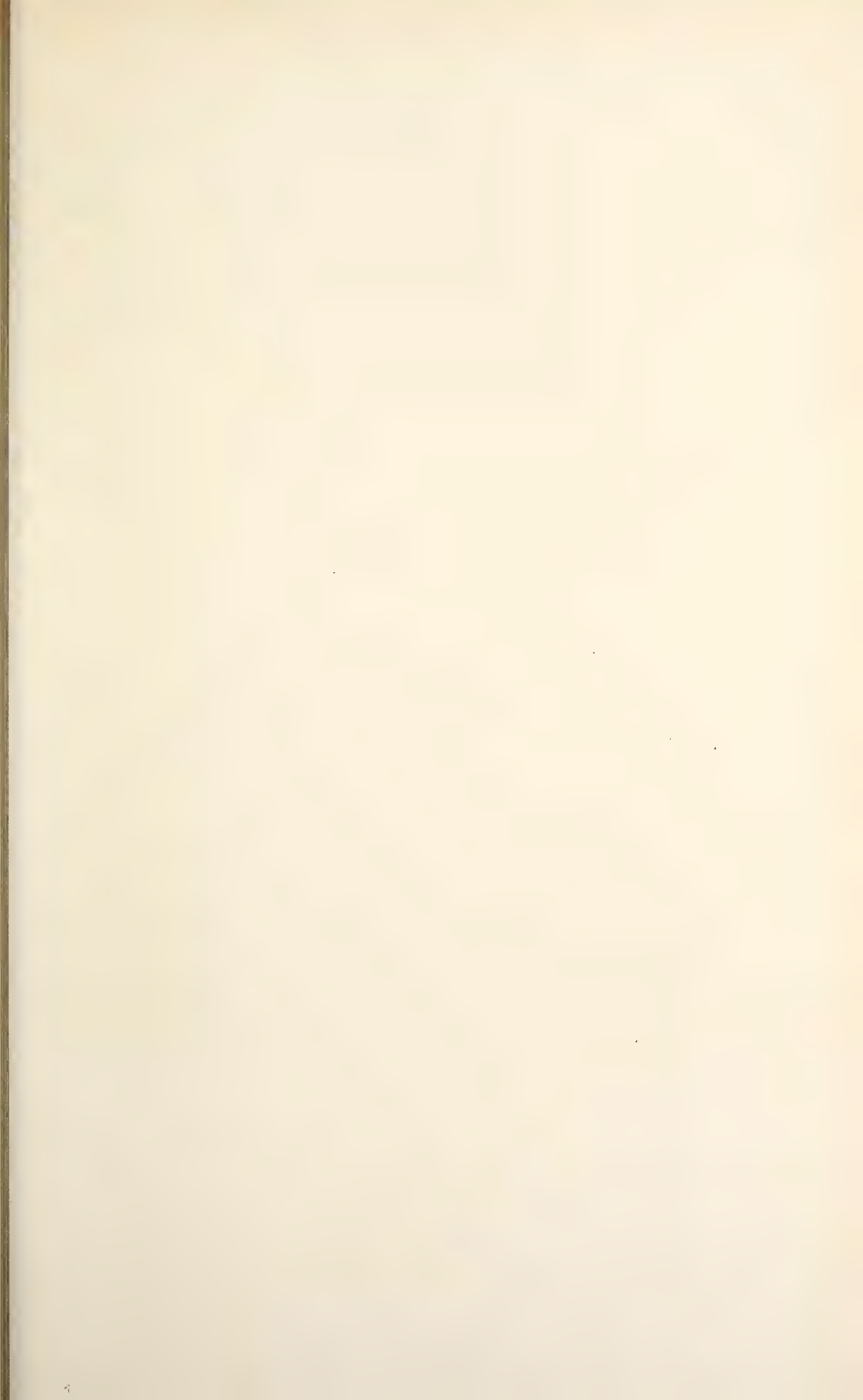
1. SOUTHWOOD, b. June 25, 1788. 2. CHLOE, b. May 26, 1791.

3. SIMEON, b. Sept. 21, 1793. 4. JOEL, b. Dec. 28, 1796.

5. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 19, 1800, m. April 18, 1827, Patty M. Robbins.

JOEL SIBLEY, (William, William, Joseph, John), brother of William, b. May 31, 1774, m. Lois ———, b. 1767, d. Nov. 21, 1832. He d. Sept. 10, 1839. Children,







Capt. John W. Slocomb.

1. ALMIRA, b. 1798, d. Feb. 13, 1835.
2. MARTHA, b. 1805, d. Feb. 11, 1838.

STEPHEN SIBLEY, b. 1741, m. Thankful ———, b. 1745, d. Oct. 26, 1837. He d. Aug. 25, 1828.

HIRAM SIBLEY, m. Catherine Sibley. He came here from Charlton. Children,

1. ELIZA M., b. July 20, 1826.
2. ABIGAIL L., b. Jan. 6, 1828.
3. WILLIAM L., b. July 7, 1830.
4. AUGUSTUS S., b. Jan. 4, 1836.
5. NANCY J., b. May 27, 1839.
6. MARY A., b. July 4, 1841.
7. CHARLES H., b. Oct. 4, 1844.

JONATHAN SIBLEY, (Daniel, Elijah, William, Joseph, John), b. Feb. 4, 1783, m. Nancy A. Adams (A), b. Aug. 18, 1784. Children,

1. ANNA M., b. May 14, 1808, d. May 28, 1811.
2. HARRIET L., b. Dec. 16, 1809, m. William Prentice (P).
3. ANN E., b. Mar. 15, 1816, m. Charles A. Pierce (P).
- 1-4 4. JONATHAN B., b. Jan. 21, 1820, m. Caroline E. Merriam.

1-4 JONATHAN B. SIBLEY, (Jonathan, Daniel, Elijah, William, Joseph, John), b. Jan. 21, 1820, m. May 31, 1843, Caroline E. Merriam (M), b. May 9, 1820.

He was city marshal of Worcester, in 1872, where he resided. He returned to Grafton, and now resides on the Chestnut Hill farm. Children,

1. ELLA M., b. Dec. 23, 1849.
2. ALBRO M., b. Feb., 1857, d. July, 1857.

BARNABAS SIBLEY, m. Rebecca Keith, Jan. 7, 1796; m. 2nd, Phebe Earls, Aug. 3, 1798.

WYMAN SIBLEY, Millbury, m. Betsey Elliott, May 21, 1833.

## SLOCOMB.

CAPT. JOHN W. SLOCOMB, (William), b. in Sutton, Dec. 1, 1793, m. Serepta Adams.

He removed to this town with his wife and children, and erected the building, now occupied by his son, for the accommodation of his business, in December, 1836. He was the first person to manufacture shoes for the jobbing trade in this town, and at his death, May 26, 1867, he was the second oldest shoe manufacturer in the State, having begun business in 1813. He was prominent in the affairs of the town, was captain of the militia, and president of the old Bank under the State charter. He was a prominent Freemason, and was buried with Masonic honors. Children,

1. GEORGE F., b. Feb. 3, 1823, m. Lucy A. Hancock, dau. of Nathan Hancock.

He went into business with his father, in July, 1843, in company with his brother Augustus. At his father's death he succeeded him in his business, retaining the firm name of John W. Slocomb & Son, for which his father made a provision in his will. He has been quite interested in town affairs, having been treasurer, selectman, representa-

tive, etc. He is now president of the First National Bank. His only child,

*Lucinda M.*, m. Dec. 2, 1872, Daniel N. Gibbs, b. in Wareham, Apr. 14, 1846. He is interested with his father-in-law. Ch.,

George Slocomb, b. Oct. 24, 1873.

2. AUGUSTUS, b. 1817, d. Jan., 1866, in Natchez, Miss.

He came to Grafton when quite young, and entered the employ of Wood, Kimball & Co., as their book-keeper. He subsequently removed to Philadelphia, and in company with C. M. Fay, of Grafton, engaged in the wholesale boot and shoe trade, where he remained a short time. He returned to this town, and in company with his father and brother engaged in the manufacture of shoes. Here he remained nearly twenty-five years. His health failing, he went South, and was taken sick on board the steamer. He was unmarried.

### SMITH.

ITHAMER SMITH, m. Oct. 8, 1779, Sally Wheeler (W), b. Nov. 5, 1760. Children,

1. SARAH, b. July 8, 1780, d. July 9, 1780.
2. PRISCILLA H., b. Sept. 25, 1781. 3. JESSE, b. Sept. 14, 1783.
4. SARAH, b. Jan. 10, 1786. 5. SABRAH, b. Oct. 1, 1787.
6. SARDIUS, b. Nov. 7, 1789.
7. ESTHER W., b. Mar. 18, 1792.
8. ANNA, b. May 27, 1796. 9. KEZIA, b. July 19, 1798.

ELIPHALET SMITH, m. June 28, 1781, Beriah Leland (L), d. 1782; m. 2nd, Oct. 24, 1797, Susannah Pratt (P). Ch.,

1. SUSANNAH, b. 1782, m. Isaac W. Wood (W).

NATHANIEL SMITH, (Nathaniel), b. in Dedham, Nov. 19, 1800, m. 1823, Nancy Forbush (F), b. 1798. He d. Dec. 31, 1854. His widow res. in Worcester.

He came to this town when seventeen years old. He was one of the earliest and most earnest advocates of the anti-slavery cause in this town, and proved himself always a friend and ready helper to any fugitive slaves needing aid. Many of them received assistance and shelter through his efforts. Among these were Frederick Douglass, Brown, and Walker with the Branded Hand. He often foretold the late war as an inevitable occurrence.

Children,

1. NATHANIEL, b. July 24, 1825, d. Aug. 23, 1827.
2. MARIA N., b. Nov. 3, 1827, m. Silas A. Pierce (P).
3. LEANDER F., b. Nov. 28, 1829, m. Frances Whitin, of Whitinsville, dau. of Dr. Whitin. Res. Montreal, Canada.

Children,

*Ralph H.*, b. Oct., 1856. *Rena A.*, b. Mar., 1858.  
*Irving L.*, b. Jan., 1860. *Ida F.*, b. Sept., 1866.  
*Ernest W.*, b. Apr., 1869.

4. WILLIAM B., b. Dec. 9, 1831, unm.

He graduated at the Grafton High School, and afterwards attended Professor Russell's school of elocution, at Lancaster. He entered the Meadville Theological School, at Meadville, Pa., and graduated in July, 1858. He afterwards entered the Divinity School of Harvard College,

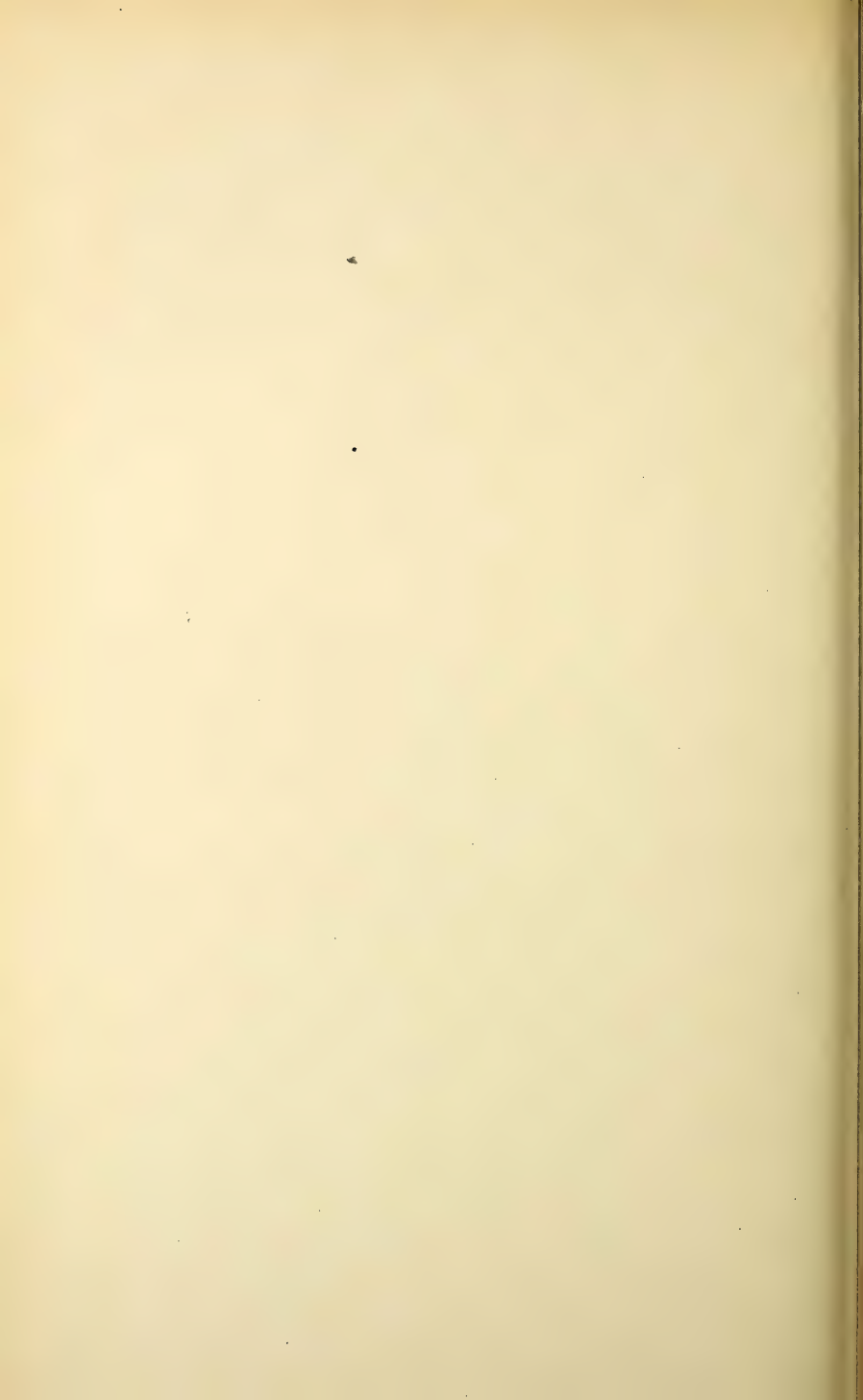


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and after graduating, in the year 1859, was ordained and installed pastor of the First Unitarian Church in Fall River, January 24, 1860. Here he remained three years, leaving the society at his own request. In October, 1865, he was installed pastor of the Unitarian Church in Walpole, Mass., where he remained nine years, and in 1873 visited Europe, Asia, Africa and the Holy Land. During his absence abroad he visited many places of interest. In company with Mr. Richardson, of Boston, he walked up the river Rhine, a distance of 450 miles. For some time past he has resided here with his sister, Mrs. Pierce, being unable to resume his profession on account of protracted sickness.

5. LOUISA N., b. Oct. 1, 1838, m. Israel Rogers, Jr. Res. in Worcester.

She graduated at the State Normal School in Framingham, in July, 1857. Children,

*Wallace L.*, b. Nov. 18, 1862. *Charles C.*, b. Mar. 21, 1864.

*Stanley C.*, b. May 27, 1869. *Winfield F.*, b. Oct. 28, 1874.

GEORGE SMITH, m. Lavinia ———, and had,

1. LAVINIA M., b. Feb. 2, 1842.

GEORGE W. SMITH, m. Mary A. ———, and had children,

1. SARAH M., b. Sept. 16, 1833. 2. GEORGE H., b. Sept. 20, 1835.

3. JAMES M., b. July 22, 1838. 4. HORACE B., b. Sept. 24, 1841.

5. ALFRED C., b. Mar. 11, 1844.

ASA F. SMITH, from Newton, by wife Betsey S. W. ———, had,

1. SARAH E., b. Oct. 10, 1833. 2. LUCIAN B., b. Apr. 9, 1838.

3. CHARLES H., b. Oct. 9, 1839. 4. EDWARD R., b. Apr. 9, 1842.

5. CHARLOTTE L., b. Dec. 20, 1843.

#### MARRIAGES.

George Smith m. Polly Axtell, May 8, 1786.

Martin Smith, of Shrewsbury, m. Polly Harrington, June 29, 1794.

Samuel D. Smith, m. Rinda A. Wheelock, May 26, 1830.

Henry Smith, m. Louisa Stone, Sept. 1, 1824.

Ephraim Smith, m. Sarah Bigelow, June 8, 1767.

REV. PHILIP Y. SMITH, the present chairman of the Grafton Board of Education, and pastor of the United Presbyterian Church, of Sutton, has been a resident of this town since April, 1869, and pastor of his congregation since 1865. Mr. Smith was sent by the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, to supply in the presbytery of Boston for six months, and was assigned by the Rev. John P. Robb, of Providence, R. I., to occupy the pulpit of his present charge, October 1, 1865, and has continued from that time until the present year, 1879, making a pastorate of about fourteen years.

Mr. Smith was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, and educated in the University of Glasgow, and studied Hebrew and Theology in the city of New York, and was licensed to preach the gospel by the Second Presbytery of the above city, September 15, 1863. His life-work until the time of his licensure was employed in teaching. He was the principal of the Collingwood public school, Ontario, and also master of the Fraser free school, Hastings-upon-Hudson, N. Y. Some of his pupils have been admitted into the Universities of Columbia, N. Y., New

Wilmington, Pa.; Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scotland; Toronto, Ontario; and to West Point, N. Y.

Loyall Farragut, son of Rear Admiral Farragut, was the student who successfully entered West Point after a six months drill in mathematics. Since coming to this town he has been three times sent as the principal delegate to represent his Presbytery in the General Assembly and also as the Commissioner on the General Board of Home Missions. He has also been invited in connection with his own church to occupy churches in Providence, R. I., Lawrence, and Boston, and also in New York City, at a higher salary than his present charge offers but chooses to continue on from year to year in his first and only charge. He was ordained Feb. 28, 1866, by the Presbytery of Boston, Rev. William McLaren, D. D., of Fall River, Mass., preaching the ordination and installation sermon, and the Rev. Alexander Blaikie, D. D., of Boston, leading in the ordination prayer. The members of the session are Messrs. William Gould, Andrew Kerr and James Young. The treasurer is George Woodburn; trustees, Messrs. Gould, Woodburn, Barr, Johnson, Wilson, Boyd, Dreghorn, Moore, Fullerton and Forsythe.

### SOUTHWICK.

ISAAC SOUTHWICK, (Jacob of Smithfield, R. I.), b. May 1, 1785, m. Tabitha Roberts, b. Aug. 8, 1788, d. Jan. 7, 1879. He rev. to Providence, R. I., and d. May 23, 1872. Children,

1. TABITHA L., b. 1809, m. Henry Prentice (P).
2. ISAAC H., b., Aug. 14, 1811, m. Clarissa A. Keith.
3. LUCY E., b. 1813, m. Moses Forbes.
4. JOSEPH E., b. 1815, m. Miranda Chamberlin.
5. CLARISSA M., b. 1823, d. 1829. 6. JOHN R., b. 1831.

- 1-2 HON. ISAAC H. SOUTHWICK, (Isaac, Jacob), b. Aug. 14, 1811, m. Aug. 8, 1837, Clarissa A. Keith (K), b. May 13, 1812.

He was born in 1811, and his father being a shoe manufacturer, he early learned that trade and continued to work at it until he was twenty-one years of age.

In the autumn of 1832, he went to New Orleans as a clerk in a mercantile house, remaining there through the following winter and spring. He returned home in the summer of 1833, and for a year and a half was engaged in the manufacture of shoes.

In December, 1834, he entered the service of Wood, Kimball & Co., in Grafton, who were then very largely engaged in the shoe, leather and other business. He continued with them one year. In December, 1835, he again went to New Orleans. After remaining there several months he went up the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers to Madison, Indiana. While there he was engaged in business several years which did not prove a success. He remained in the west nine years, and spent one entire summer in traveling through the northern portions of Illinois and Iowa, then very sparsely settled.

In the summer of 1845, he returned to Grafton, and on the completion of the Providence and Worcester railroad in 1847, took charge of the Saundersville station. In 1848 he was transferred to Worcester as the agent there.

In January, 1850, he was appointed general superintendent of the road, removed to Providence and continued in that position five years, when he resigned and accepted a like position on the Central Ohio railroad, a road leading from the Ohio River near Wheeling, to Columbus.

Here he remained one year, and in the spring of 1856, became interested in the line of steamers plying between Providence and New York, and took the position of agent of the line in Boston. He continued there until 1863, when he became the general manager and treasurer of the company.

He continued in these offices two years when having disposed of all his interest in the company, retired from it. Upon the organization of a new company in 1866, he was again appointed to the office of manager and treasurer, which he held for about two years.

Since 1868, he has not been active in transportation or any other kind of business. He was for twelve years from 1858 to 1871 a director in the Providence and Worcester railroad company, and in 1874, a member of the General Assembly of Rhode Island.

Children,

1. HENRY K., b. Oct. 11, 1838, m. Susan J. Fiske.
2. CLARISSA M., b. April 11, 1840, m. Joshua Buffum.
3. SARAH E., b. March 12, 1843, d. 1846.
4. ROYAL K., b. Feb. 22, 1845, m. Mary E. Metcalf.
5. JOSEPH H., b. March 8, 1847.
6. ANNIE R., b. Aug. 22, 1849.
7. ISAAC H., Jr., b. June 28, 1854.

### STEARNS. (Stearnes).

CHARLES STEARNS, the ancestor, came from England, and settled in Watertown, where he was admitted freeman May 6, 1646. Nov. 15, 1647, he purchased of Edward Lamb, of Watertown, a house and eight acres of upland. He had seven children.

WILLIAM STEARNES, (Capt. John, John, Charles), m. Mary ———; m. 2nd, (pub.) Dec. 27, 1766, Mary Willard.

BEZALEEL STEARNES, (Capt. John, John, Charles), m. (pub.) Oct., 1749, Thankful Davis, both of Grafton. His house in "the Gore" was burned July 10, 1784.

SAMUEL STEARNES, (Capt. John, John, Charles), m. Aug. 19, 1752, Jemima Hoyt, of Monadnock; m. 2nd, (pub.) Nov. 27, 1762, Sarah Grover. The record says Sarah, tradition says Ann, probably Sarah Ann. He d. March 17, 1776. She d. April 9, 1777. He had two children by his first wife, Samuel, who settled in Claremont, N. H., and Daniel, of Newport, N. H. The father, Samuel, was of Grafton, of Capt. Samuel Warren's Co., in 1757.—*Bond's Watertown*, p. 949.

Children,

1. SOLOMON, m. Jemima Clark, rev. to Highgate, Vt.
2. SHADRACH.
3. BENJAMIN.
4. MOSES, m. Susan Clark, rev. to Warsaw, Tenn.
5. BETSEY.
6. PHEBE.

### STONE.

There were two early settlers by the name of Stone, from whom most of the very numerous families of that name, in New England, are descended, viz., Simon, and his younger brother Gregory. The latter moved from Watertown to Cambridge, probably about 1637. His name is on the list of "townsmen then inhabiting" Watertown, to whom grants of land were made in 1636. Gregory was the ancestor of the families in this town.

NAHUM STONE, b. 1753, m. Hannah Haven, d. Aug. 30, 1803. He d. Sept. 7, 1821.

Children,

- 1 1. GREGORY, b. July 11, 1776, m. Prudence Leland (L).
- 2 2. DAVID, b. Jan. 18, 1778, d. Sept. 22, 1778.
- 3 3. ALBERT, b. Aug. 5, 1779, m. Sally B. Kimball (K).
- 4 4. DANIEL, b. Dec. 4, 1781, m. Sally Williams, rev. to Cambridge.
- 5 5. JOSIAH H., b. June 28, 1783, m. Betsey Bent.

- 1-1 GREGORY STONE, (Nahum), b. July 11, 1776, m. 1799, Prudence Leland (L), b. 1778. He d. 1810. He was very much respected. He had a good common school education, and was employed in teaching school during the winter season, for several years. Soon after he settled in Weathersfield, Vt., he was elected a captain in the militia, and in a short time a major. He was for a series of years a representative from the town of Weathersfield, to the Vermont Legislature. He was a truly pious man and an exemplary member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His death was caused by drowning. He was standing on a bridge, over a stream near his residence, which was very much swollen, by the unusual rains, a mill-dam just above the bridge was washed down and striking the bridge it was carried away. His death caused deep lamentation in his family and among his townspeople. He had three ch. b. in Weathersfield, the oldest GREGORY D., gr. at Union College, N. Y., studied law and was for a number of years Judge of the Orphan's Court for Franklin County, Ala.

- 2-3 ALBERT STONE, (Nahum), b. Aug. 5, 1779, m. Sally B. Kimball (K).

"He was a man of sound judgment, stern integrity with a liberal turn of mind. He was much interested in town affairs and always looked for the welfare and prosperity of the town. He held many town offices, such as selectman, overseer of the poor, assessor, collector of taxes, and was representative for two years; he also served on various town committees of importance. In early life he was a clothier by trade; the building where he dyed, pressed and dressed his cloths, stood perhaps eight or ten rods south by west of the Baptist Church in New England Village. He had a fulling-mill that stood where the middle privilege now is; here about 1812, he built a two-story building for machinery for carding wool for farmers, who made their own clothes, as everything was high during the war. In 1818 or 19 he sold to Legge & Taft; they conducted the business a few years and put in looms for weaving satinets; they sold to Lewis Thayer who run it until the fall of 1825, when a company from Boston bought out all the inhabitants of what is now the central part of New England Village, together with Thayer's interest. This purchase included Hovey's dam."

"Dea. Albert Stone was a man of consistent but unostentatious piety, with strong confidence in God; of sound and clear judgment, with great decision of character; and an inflexible supporter of what he deemed to be right. At the time when the Evangelical Church separated from the old parish, that they might enjoy the ministrations of an Evangelical pastor, Dea. Stone was one of the prime movers in the measures adopted. And the strong attachment which he then manifested for the great doctrines of the gospel as held by this church, he continued to evince through the nearly twenty years of my acquaintance with him. He was eminently wise in counsel, and his suggestions in reference to all our church affairs I always highly prized. Never







shall I forget his recommendation to the brethren when the first occasion for church discipline that arose after my settlement was under discussion in the examining committee. I believe the adoption of his recommendation *then*, and its continued practice by the brethren to the present time, has had an important bearing upon the permanency of my ministry here. The pastor was nominated to be one of the committee that should take the gospel steps with the offending member. Deacon Stone objected, on the ground that the prosecution of church discipline was very liable to create prejudices against the parties engaged in it, especially if they failed of the desired result. And as it was all-important that the pastor's influence for good over all the people should, if possible, be maintained unimpaired, it was better that the brethren should incur these prejudices than the pastor."—*Rev. T. C. Biscoe*. He d. Feb. 22, 1858.

Children,

1. HANNAH, b. May 23, 1804, m. Benjamin Kingsbury (K).
2. MARY, b. Sept. 3, 1806, m. Lincoln Wood.
3. LORANA, b. Aug. 19, 1808, m. Elijah L. Case (C).
4. SALLY, b. Aug. 27, 1810, m. William C. Tidd.
5. MARTHA H., b. Oct. 21, 1812, m. Leander S. Pratt (P).
6. ALBERT G., b. Nov. 17, 1814, d. Mar. 7, 1818.
7. JAMES S., b. July 4, 1816, m. Mary L. Phinney. Res. Boston.
8. ELBRIDGE K., b. Aug. 23, 1818, m. Jane E. Brown.
9. LUCY E., b. June 26, 1821, m. William J. Eaton.

OLIVER STONE, m. Lois M. ———. Children,

1. ABRAHAM A., b. Aug. 28, 1836.
2. LEWIS L., b. Nov. 16, 1838.
3. FANNY A., b. Dec. 16, 1840.

#### MARRIAGES.

Lieut. Jonathan Stone, of Ward, m. Sally Hall, June 23, 1792.

Dea. Isaac Stone, of Ward, m. Lydia Brigham, May 20, 1811.

#### STOW.

JOHN STOW, with his wife Elizabeth and six children, came to New England in one of Winthrop's companies, and settled in Roxbury. He arrived here the seventh of the third month, 1634. He was made freeman, 1634; member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, 1638; and representative, 1639. He was probably the father of Thomas, of Concord, and of Middletown, Conn. Elizabeth, wife of John, died 1638. Stow was a very ancient name in England, particularly in Middlesex and Lincolnshire.

ABNER STOW, (Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, John), b. Nov. 29, 1705, m. Mary ———. He d. Dec. 8, 1783. Children,

1. MARY, b. July 10, 1734, m. Jonathan Hall (H).
2. SARAH, b. Sept. 27, 1738, m. Elijah Drury (D).
3. JONATHAN, b. Feb. 4, 1740, m. Elizabeth ———.
4. ABNER, b. Sept. 5, 1743, m. Elizabeth ——— and Eunice Goldsbury.
5. SAMUEL, b. Nov. 24, 1746, d. Nov. 12, 1751.
6. LYDIA, b. Mar. 12, 1748, d. Aug. 28, 1751.

- 1-3 JONATHAN STOW, (Abner, Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, John), b. Feb. 4, 1740, m. Elizabeth ———. Children,

1. ELIZABETH, b. July 29, 1766. 2. LUCY, b. Nov. 23, 1771.
  3. SARAH, b. Mar. 11, 1776.
  - 3 4. JONATHAN, b. May 22, 1779, m. Elizabeth ———.
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- 2-4 ABNER STOW, (Abner, Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, John), b. Sept. 5, 1743, m. Elizabeth ———, d. July 6, 1766; m. 2nd, July 2, 1778, Eunice Goldsbury. Children,
    1. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 26, 1768, d. July 9, 1776.
    2. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 23, 1771, d. May 24, 1776.
    3. LYDIA, b. Dec. 13, 1772, d. July 2, 1776.
    4. DANIEL, b. Mar. 11, 1775. 5. BETSEY, b. Oct. 31, 1779.
    6. CRISTOPHER G., b. Aug. 2, 1782. 7. SAMUEL, b. Jan. 22, 1784.
    8. JOHN, b. Mar. 22, 1785.
  - 4 9. ABNER, b. Jan. 10, 1787, m. Sarah Brooks.
  10. JOSEPH, b. Nov. 11, 1793.
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- 3-4 JONATHAN STOW, (Jonathan, Abner, Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, John), b. May 22, 1779, m. Elizabeth ———. He d. Feb. 17, 1836. Children,
    - 5 1. JONATHAN W., b. Nov. 25, 1810, m. Mary Hunt.
    2. SUMNER E., b. Jan. 24, 1812, m. Apr. 3, 1834, Nancy L. Fay.
    3. IRENE E., b. Jan. 15, 1814, m. Charles J. Fay.
    4. SILAS N., b. Jan. 16, 1816. Rev. to Uxbridge.
    5. FREDERICK A., b. Feb. 28, 1818.

He was born on George Hill. His father died when he was twelve years of age, and his guardian, Mr. Silas Forbush, sent him to Templeton to school, where he remained about one year. From there he went to the Gates Academy, Marlborough, where he remained about two years, and from there he went to the Wilbraham Academy, where he remained two years. From Wilbraham he went to Troy, N. Y., in August, 1839, and commenced the manufacture of boots and shoes, being the first one who ever manufactured boots and shoes, to any extent, in that State. He soon succeeded, by manufacturing a class of goods adapted to the wants of the trade, in building up quite a large trade, employing at one time as many as two hundred men, which for that day was a very large number. He afterwards bought a large sole leather tannery, and carried on the two branches up to 1865, when, having accumulated a comfortable fortune, he gave up active business, bought a large farm in the south part of the city, where he has spent his time since in improving the farm and taking care of his real estate.

    6. ANN M., b. Mar. 25, 1820, m. Lawson Munyan.
    7. CHARLES I., b. June 26, 1822. Res. New York city.
    8. JOHN A., b. June 29, 1824. Rev. to New York State.
    9. MARY A., b. Oct. 21, 1826, m. Otis Fay.
    10. MOSES P., b. Dec. 3, 1828, unm.
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- 4-9 ABNER STOW, (Abner, Abner, Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, John), b. Jan. 10, 1787, m. Sarah Brooks (B). Children,
    1. SARAH B., b. Apr. 15, 1817. 2. EUNICE G., b. Dec. 6, 1818.
    3. MILO, b. Nov. 7, 1820. 4. ELIZABETH A., b. Mar. 25, 1823.
    5. CAROLINE A., b. Jan. 17, 1825.
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- 5-1 JONATHAN W. STOW, (Jonathan, Jonathan, Abner, Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, John), b. Nov. 25, 1810, m. Mary Hunt, b. Mar. 9, 1809. He d. Mar. 13, 1866. She d. Mar. 5, 1868. Children,









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RESIDENCE OF SILAS E. STOWE, ESQ.

Boston.

1. JONATHAN P., b. July 26, 1832, d. from wound in battle of Antietam.  
 6 2. SILAS E., b. Oct. 10, 1833, m. Lucy A. Gary.  
 3. ELLIOT M., b. May 15, 1835, d. Aug. 14, 1843.  
 4. HORACE W., b. Aug. 28, 1837. Res. San Francisco, Cal.  
 5. LOUISA A., b. Nov. 17, 1841, d. Apr. 20, 1865, unm. }  
 7 6. LEWIS A., b. Nov. 17, 1841, m. Mary S. Leland (L). } Twins.
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- 6-2 SILAS E. STOW, (Jonathan W., Jonathan, Jonathan, Abner, Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, John), b. Oct. 10, 1833, m. Oct. 14, 1857, Lucy A. Gary, b. Mar. 7, 1835, d. Nov. 11, 1874.  
 He is one of the most extensive farmers in this town, having an excellent farm and the best farm-house in the County. He has held many positions of trust and honor in his native town. Children,  
 1. MARY E., b. Jan. 1, 1859. 2. LUCY J., b. Sept. 17, 1860.  
 3. JONATHAN W., b. Aug. 30, 1867. 4. ANNA LOUISA, b. June 20, 1869.  
 5. ROSA A., b. Aug. 5, 1871. 6. HARRIS G., b. Nov. 4, 1873.  
 7. SILAS M., b. Nov. 11, 1876.
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- 7-6 LEWIS A. STOW, (Jonathan W., Jonathan, Jonathan, Abner, Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, John), b. Nov. 17, 1841, m. Nov. 25, 1868, Mary S. Leland (L). Children,  
 1. LOLA M., b. Dec. 16, 1869. 2. FRED, b. Oct. 21, 1871.  
 3. WALTER, b. Feb. 3, 1874. 4. FRANK, b. Dec. 19, 1876.
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- SOLOMON STOW, (Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, John), b. Oct. 10, 1714, m. Elizabeth ———. He d. Nov. 4, 1763. Children,  
 1. MERCY, b. Sept. 16, 1743. 2. ELIZABETH, b. May 26, 1745.  
 8 3. JONAH, b. Mar. 31, 1746, m. Lydia ———.  
 9 4. SHELOMITH, b. Nov. 19, 1749, m. Elizabeth ———.  
 5. BEULAH, b. June 27, 1754. 6. SOLOMON, b. May 30, 1758.  
 7. WILLIAM T., b. Apr. 15, 1761.
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- 8-3 JONAH STOW, (Solomon, Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, John), b. Mar. 31, 1746, m. Lydia ———. Ch.,  
 1. JUDITH, b. Nov. 25, 1769.
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- 9-4 CAPT. SHELOMITH STOW, (Solomon, Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, John), b. Nov. 19, 1749, m. Elizabeth ———. He d. Dec. 4, 1799. Ch.,  
 1. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 4, 1777.
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- THOMAS STOW, m. Anne ———; m. 2nd, June 2, 1748, Silence Hunt. He d. June 8, 1750. Children,  
 1. JOSEPH, b. May 14, 1734. 2. DAVID, b. May 10, 1736.  
 3. NATHANIEL, b. Sept. 28, 1739. 4. SAMUEL, b. Apr. 17, 1742.  
 5. TIMOTHY, b. Oct. 21, 1745.  
 6. RUTH, b. Dec. 12, 1749, d. Sept. 13, 1756.
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- JOHN STOW, m. May 22, 1755, Hannah Hall. Children,  
 1. THOMAS, b. Mar. 9, 1756. 2. RUTH, b. June 7, 1757, d. Aug. 27, 1777.  
 3. TIMOTHY, b. May 5, 1759. 4. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 7, 1761.  
 5. SARAH, b. Feb. 6, 1763.  
 6. NATHANIEL, b. Nov. 3, 1765, d. Dec. 26, 1773.  
 7. LYDIA, b. July 9, 1768, d. Nov. 3, 1773.

8. CYRUS, b. July 7, 1770.
9. ANNA, b. March 1, 1773, d. Nov. 20, 1780.
10. JONATHAN, b. May 28, 1775, d. July 6, 1776.
11. POLLY, b. March 3, 1782.

ITHAMER STOW, m. Dec. 16, 1792, Sally Temple. Children,

1. LUCY, b. May 28, 1794. 2. ELIJAH, b. Nov. 3, 1795.
3. JOHN, b. March 26, 1797, d. July 19, 1802.
4. PATTY, b. Jan. 9, 1799.
5. ITHAMER, b. March 15, 1802, m. ——— Bigelow.
6. SALLY, b. Jan. 7, 1806.
7. MAHALAH L., b. Jan. 21, 1808, m. Lucius Bigelow (B).
8. JOHN I., b. Feb. 16, 1810.

SILAS STOW, by wife Polly, had, children,

1. SILAS A., b. March 21, 1812. 2. MARY S., b. May 29, 1814.
3. OLIVER H., b. June 30, 1818.

AARON STOW, m. May 26, 1793, Anna Clark. "Sept. 28, 1800, Aaron Stow, of Grafton, was shot accidentally, at the regimental drill in Northborough, through the body in a sham fight by the carelessness of a man leaving his ramrod in his gun; the rod entered his breast and came out at his back; he lived about one hour and then expired, leaving a wife and three children to bemoan his untimely end."—*Massachusetts Spy*.  
Children,

- 9½ 1. AARON, b. Oct. 6, 1793, m. Eleanor ———.
- 10 2. RUFUS, b. March 21, 1797, m. ——— ———.
3. ANNA B., b. May 2, 1799.
4. ITHAMER F., b. April 22, 1801 (Posthumous).

10-2 RUFUS STOW, (Aaron), b. March 21, 1797. His ch. were,

1. FREDERICK H., b. March 11, 1827. 2. ANNA B., b. Feb. 19, 1829, d.
3. JANE A., b. Sept. 5, 1830. 4. HENRY C., b. May 16, 1834, d.
5. JOHN A., b. July 7, 1837. 6. AUGUSTA O., b. Jan. 9, 1841, d.
7. MARIAN L., b. Nov. 17, 1844.

LOVELL STOW, b. June 7, 1779, m. Betsey Batcheller, b. March 7, 1781, d. May 24, 1842. He d. Oct. 13, 1841.

Children,

- 12 1. LOVELL, b. Feb. 20, 1802, m. Alone Knowlton, and d. Feb. 3, 1850.
2. BETSEY, b. May 24, 1803.
3. MARTIN, b. March 15, 1805, d. April 6, 1805.
4. HORACE, b. Feb. 19, 1806. 5. HARRIET, b. Feb. 1, 1808.
6. GARY, b. Aug. 11, 1810.
- 11 7. LUTHER, b. Nov. 6, 1811, m. Mary K. Hathaway.
8. MARTIN, b. Jan. 26, 1814, m. Charlotte ———. Ch., *Martin A.*, b. Oct. 3, 1841.

9½-1 AARON STOW, (Aaron), b. Oct. 6, 1793, m. Eleanor ———, d. May 28, 1839. Children,

1. SUSAN A., b. Nov. 20, 1821. 2. ELEANOR M., b. Sept. 17, 1823.
3. RUFUS S., b. Dec. 25, 1825. 4. AARON W., b. Jan. 30, 1828.
5. SARAH L., b. June 11, 1832, d. Feb. 19, 1834.

- 11-7 LUTHER STOW, (Lovell), m. Mary K. Hathaway, b. Feb. 6, 1817, d. June 16, 1843; m. 2nd, Caroline Bigelow, res. in Worcester. Children,  
 1. MARY E., b. July 18, 1840.  
 2. CHARLES L., b. April 21, 1843, d. Sept. 21, 1843.

- 11-1 LOVELL STOW, (Lovell), b. Feb. 20, 1802, m. Nov. 18, 1834, Alone Knowlton.

He was born on Brigham Hill, on the old Stow place; he remained with his father engaged in the manufacture of shoes in the old shop near by until 1835, when he removed to the centre and built the building now known as Stockwell's Block. He was engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes in the building now occupied by Hale's stove store, for fifteen years, until his death in 1850. He d. Feb. 3, 1850. Children,

1. THOMAS W., b. Nov. 1, 1835, d. April 13, 1837.
2. HENRY L., b. April 6, 1837, m. ——— and Ellen Knowlton.
3. WILLIAM K., b. July 1, 1839, d. unm.
4. ANN E., b. Dec. 13, 1841, m. Charles Van Dusen; res. in Dayton, Ohio.
5. MARIA, m. Charles L. Gorham.

JOSEPH A. STOW, by wife Lydia, had, ch.,

1. FRANCIS A., b. July 30, 1843.

#### MARRIAGES.

William M. Stow, m. Nov. 15, 1832, Sarah Hall.  
 Horace Stow, m. May 2, 1833, Nancy Knowlton.  
 Abel F. Stow, m. April 2, 1834, Sarah Whitney.  
 Martin Stow, m. Sept. 13, 1836, Charlotte C. Marshall.

**TAINTER.** (Taynter, Taintor, Tayntor).

JOSEPH TAYNTOR, aged 25, embarked at Southampton, April 24, 1638. He settled in Watertown, and was selectman many times between 1657 and 1680.

SIMON TAINTER, JR., (Simon, Joseph), b. Feb. 28, 1693, m. May 25, 1714, Rebecca Harrington, b. 1690, (Thomas, George, Robert). They were dismissed from the church in Westborough to Hassanamisco. Ch.,

1. SIMON, JR., b. April 8, 1715, m. Mary Bruer (Brewer).

- 11-1 SIMON TAINTER, (Simon, Simon, Joseph), b. April 8, 1715, m. in Westborough, Nov. 20, 1740, Mary Bruer (Brewer). Children,

1. SIMON, b. July 22, 1741.
2. ABIJAH, b. June 7, 1743.
3. JONATHAN, b. June 10, 1744.
4. Mary, b. Nov. 14, 1746.
5. JOEL, b. March 19, 1748.
6. NAHUM, b. Feb. 23, 1750.
7. ELEANOR, b. Nov. 11, 1753.

DANIEL TAINTOR, m. April 21, 1833, Maria B. Marshall.

#### THURSTON.

The name of Thurston is said to be derived from the Saxon, Danish and Runic *troest*, meaning *trusty* or *faithful*. Prof. Henry W. Long-



fellow said, "I have no doubt you are of Scandinavian descent. Thorston, Thorsten and Thurston must be one and the same. The Stone of Thor—the god of thunder. This is rather portentous, but you cannot escape this divine genealogy."

JOHN THURSTON, of Wrentham, Suffolk County, Eng., aged 30, and his wife Margaret, aged 32, were passengers for New England in the *Mary Ann*, of Yarmouth, Eng., May 10, 1637. The Thurstons in this town are descended from John.

DANIEL THURSTON was a farmer in Mendon and Uxbridge, Mass. Deeds show that he sold land to Joseph Sutton, in 1736, and to his son David, in 1745, m. Meriam ———; m. 2nd, Martha Allen, of Medway. He d. July 3, 1745. Children,

1. BENJAMIN, b. Dec. 25, 1711, m. Elizabeth ——— and Dorcas Chapin.
  2. DAVID, m. Abigail ———, and d. in Uxbridge, 1756.
  3. MARY, b. Aug. 13, 1714, unm., res. in Grafton in 1771.
  4. DANIEL, b. Nov. 21, 1716, settled at Read's Farm, Hampshire County, about 1740.
  5. EBENEZER, b. Sept. 22, 1718, d. in Grafton, unm. about 1740.
  6. JOSEPH, m. Dorothy ———, res. in Westborough.
  7. ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 22, 1720, res. in 1752 in Uxbridge.
  8. MARTHA, m. Joseph Thompson, res. in Uxbridge.
  9. MOSES, b. Sept. 17, 1733.
  10. SARAH, b. April 9, 1742, d. prior to 1745.
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- 1-1 BENJAMIN THURSTON, (Daniel), b. Dec. 25, 1711, m. in Mendon, Elizabeth ———, b. 1707, d. Feb. 21, 1768; m. 2nd, Nov. 24, 1768, Mrs. Dorcas Chapin. d. Aug. 19, 1792. He d. Feb. 6, 1795. Was collector of tithes and taxes for the sixteenth district of Massachusetts Bay, under George III., for several years, about 1764. Children,
2. 1. JOHN, b. April, 1741, m. Susannah Wheeler.
  3. 2. PETER, b. Sept. 17, 1745, m. Elizabeth ———.
  4. 3. BENJAMIN, b. Jan. 2, 1748, m. and rev. to Barre.
  5. 4. LEVI, b. July 30, 1751, m. Priscilla Wheeler and Hannah Hayden.
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- 2-1 JOHN THURSTON, (Benjamin, Daniel), b. April, 1741, m. April 30, 1765, Susannah Wheeler (W), b. Oct. 14, 1746, d. Nov. 5, 1835. He d. March 16, 1824. He was a farmer in Grafton; constable of Worcester County, collector and much in town affairs. During the revolutionary war was called out and joined a company, but peace being declared he did not go. Children,
1. TIMOTHY, b. July 10, 1766, m. Nov. 29, 1787, Peggy Hills; m. 2nd, Jan. 10, 1796, Lucy Hayden.
  2. ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 19, 1767, d. Oct. 9, 1828.
  3. RACHEL, b. Aug. 7, 1771, m. Amos Ellis.
  6. 4. DANIEL, b. Nov. 7, 1775, m. Rosanna Ellis.
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- 3-2 PETER THURSTON, (Benjamin, Daniel), b. Sept. 17, 1745, m. Elizabeth ———. He d. Oct. 16, 1781. Children,
1. DAVID, b. Jan. 31, 1773, d. young.
  2. PARDIS, b. Aug. 2, 1775, m. Sally Ward.
  3. BETTY, b. May 30, 1780, d. Aug. 25, 1781.



- 4-3 BENJAMIN THURSTON, (Benjamin, Daniel), b. Jan. 2, 1748. He rev. to Barre. Children, b. here.  
 1. LUCRETIA, b. Apr. 22, 1772. 2. ADOLPHUS, b. Dec. 24, 1773.  
 3. FREDERICK, b. Aug. 26, 1777. 4. AUGUSTUS W., b. Aug. 9, 1779.
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- 5-4 LEVI THURSTON, (Benjamin, Daniel), b. July 30, 1751, m. Apr. 14, 1773, Priscilla Wheeler (W), b. June 1, 1755, d. May 12, 1791; m. 2nd, July 13, 1794, Hannah Hayden. Children,  
 1. PRISCILLA H., b. Feb. 24, 1775, d. Sept. 24, 1775.  
 2. POLLY, b. Jan. 19, 1777, d. Jan. 17, 1778.  
 3. RECONCILE, b. Apr. 3, 1779. 4. LEVI, b. May 25, 1781.  
 5. MARY, b. June 16, 1783. 6. PETER, b. Apr. 22, 1785.  
 7. BENJAMIN, b. May 8, 1789.  
 The family rev. to Alstead, N. H., and then to Sutton, Mass.
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- 6-4 DANIEL THURSTON, (John, Benjamin, Daniel), b. Nov. 7, 1775, m. Rosanna Ellis. He d. Aug. 22, 1825. Children,  
 1. MELINDA, b. Aug. 16, 1800, d. May 14, 1816.  
 2. SYLVESTER, b. May 22, 1802, d. Sept. 4, 1803.  
 3. JOHN E., b. Feb. 21, 1804, d. Sept. 24, 1828.  
 4. CAROLINE, b. Feb. 6, 1806, d. Jan. 9, 1830.  
 7 5. CALVIN S., b. Apr. 7, 1808, m. Elizabeth J. Coe.  
 6. SUSANNAH W., b. July 8, 1810, m. Lawson Munyan.  
 7. WILLIAM H., b. Mar. 19, 1813, m. Julia Bigelow. Res. Oxford.
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- 7-5 CALVIN S. THURSTON, (Daniel, John, Benjamin, Daniel), b. Apr. 7, 1808, m. May 24, 1830, Elizabeth J. Coe, b. May 1, 1809, d. Sept. 30, 1876. Children,  
 1. JOHN C., b. June 20, 1832, m. Cordelia Walker; rev. to Montreal, C. E.  
 2. ISAAC D., b. Mar. 21, 1834, m. Laura A. Boyd; rev. to Lachine, C. E.  
 3. EDWARD H., b. Apr. 24, 1836, m. Adelaide Gould; rev. to Ottawa, Ont.  
 4. ALBERT S., b. Apr., 1838, d. Sept. 5, 1838.  
 5. MELINDA E., b. Jan. 26, 1842, d. Oct. 27, 1844.

**TURNER.**

HUMPHREY TURNER, who came over from England, is the ancestor of this family. He d. in Scituate before 1673.

JOSHUA TURNER, (Joseph, Japheth, Japheth, Humphrey), b. Dec. 13, 1757, m. Aug. 22, 1781, Lydia Drury (D), b. Dec. 3, 1763, d. in Antwerp, N. Y., Mar. 25, 1849. Ch., b. in Grafton,

1. LARKIN, b. Dec. 7, 1781, m. Sally Gould and Lucy Pierce, and rev. to Lexington.

ASA TURNER, m. Oct. 26, 1791, Sarah Goodale. Children,

1. JERATHMAEL, b. Mar. 24, 1792. 2. EMORY, b. Sept. 7, 1793.

ANDREW E. TURNER, m. Mary Baker. Children,

1. MARY E., b. Apr. 19, 1834, m. Henry Wright.

2. MARIA A. B., b. Aug. 25, 1837, m. Thomas Hall.

3. CAROLINE, b. 1841, unm. 4. ARTA R., b. July 10, 1842, unm.

**WADSWORTH.**

DAVID WADSWORTH, m. Hannah —. He d. Dec. 5, 1749. Child,

- 1 1. DAVID, b. 1741, m. Elizabeth Whipple.
  - 2 2. EBENEZER, b. Aug. 20, 1745, m. Lucy ———.
  - 3 3. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 28, 1747.
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- 1-1 DAVID WADSWORTH, (David), b. 1741, m. Elizabeth Whipple (W),  
b. 1744, d. Oct. 31, 1827. He d. Jan. 23, 1821. Children,  
 1. SUSANNAH, b. Sept. 13, 1765, m. Peter Farnum (F).  
 3 2. DAVID, b. July 5, 1767, m. Virtue Willard.  
 4 3. JONATHAN, b. May 23, 1769, m. Tabitha Warren.  
 4. JOHN, b. July 18, 1771, m. Lois Warren (W). Rev. to Barre.  
 5. JACOB, b. Aug. 24, 1773, d. Apr. 11, 1774.  
 6. SAMUEL, b. June 18, 1775, m. Elizabeth Barnes. He d. 1812.  
 7. EBENEZER, b. June 24, 1777, d. Aug. 5, 1777.  
 8. MOSES, b. Oct. 30, 1778, m. Elizabeth Tisdale. Rev. to Walpole.  
 9. PAUL, b. Feb. 9, 1781, d. Dec. 16, 1783.  
 10. JOSEPH, b. Mar. 29, 1784, m. Anna Barnes. Rev. to Auburn, N. Y.
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- 2-2 EBENEZER WADSWORTH, (David), b. Aug. 20, 1745, m. Lucy  
———, b. 1753, d. Jan. 13, 1819. He d. Oct. 24, 1817. Children,  
 1. LUCY, b. Jan. 19, 1771. 2. SARAH, b. Mar. 17, 1773, d. Aug. 17, 1775.  
 3. HANNAH, b. Oct. 28, 1775.  
 5 4. EBENEZER, b. Feb. 27, 1778, m. Lucy ———.  
 5. JOHN, b. Oct. 1, 1780. 6. ANNA, b. Apr. 25, 1783.  
 7. CYRUS, b. June 12, 1785, d. Nov. 9, 1827.  
 8. SALLY, b. Dec. 23, 1787. 9. MOLLY, b. Jan. 9, 1791.  
 10. WELCOME, b. Jan. 31, 1794.
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- 3-2 DAVID WADSWORTH, (David, David), b. July 5, 1767, m. Sept. 10,  
1789, Virtue Willard (W). Children,  
 1. BETSEY, b. Mar. 2, 1790. 2. PERLEY, b. Sept. 15, 1791.  
 3. SUSANNAH, b. Aug. 16, 1793.  
 4. PATTY, b. Oct. 20, 1795, d. Apr. 14, 1796.  
 5. DAVID, b. ——— 23, 1797.
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- 4-3 JONATHAN WADSWORTH, (David, David), b. May 23, 1769, m.  
Tabitha Warren (W). Children,  
 1. POLLY, b. Nov. 19, 1790, m. James Martin, and d. June 15, 1833.  
 2. SALLY, b. Aug. 24, 1794, m. Paul Farnum (F), and d. Apr. 9, 1829, in  
Boston.  
 3. NANCY, b. Mar. 11, 1798, m. Elbridge Hewett, and d. Dec. 29, 1839.  
 4. DAVID, b. Oct. 20, 1803, m. Dec. 8, 1825, Caroline Metcalf.  
 5. ELIZA A., b. June 9, 1806, m. Zephaniah Frost.  
 6. LEVINA, b. May 5, 1808, m. Adolphus Fowler.  
 7. SUSAN, b. June 3, 1810, m. Calvin Taft, and d. Oct. 23, 1837.  
 8. JONATHAN, b. Oct. 30, 1816, d. June 3, 1833.
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- 5-4 EBENEZER WADSWORTH, (Ebenezer, David), b. Feb. 27, 1778, m.  
Lucy ———. Ch.,  
 1. ELIZEY, b. Mar. 26, 1804.
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- EBENEZER WADSWORTH, (brother of David, Sr.), m. Patience  
———. Children,  
 1. GRACE, b. Mar. 3, 1744.  
 2. EBENEZER, b. Feb. 20, 1746, d. Sept. 23, 1751.

3. ANNA, b. Feb. 24, 1748. 4. REBECCA, b. Mar. 7, 1750.  
5. EBENEZER, b. Mar. 3, 1753. 6. JOHN, b. Mar. 13, 1755.

**WARD.**

WILLIAM WARD, the ancestor of this family, came from England, and settled in Sudbury, where he was made a freeman in 1643; represented Sudbury in 1644; and was for a number of years one of the selectmen. He d. in Marlborough, Aug. 10, 1687.

JOHN WARD, (William, John, William), b. Feb. 23, 1690, m. Deborah ——. He res. in Newton until 1720. He rev. to Grafton with his family. He was for many years the schoolmaster here, and died here, May 24, 1747. Ch., b. in Grafton,

1. ELIJAH, m. July 27, 1749, Hannah Reed, of Mendon.

HEZEKIAH WARD, (Col. William, William, William), b. June 28, 1703, m. Nov. 26, 1724, Abigail Perry, d. Mar. 30, 1735; m. 2nd, Oct. 13, 1737, Sarah Green. She d. here, Mar. 9, 1753; m. 3rd, Apr. 7, 1768, Martha Earle, of Leicester. He d. here, Mar. 6, 1774.

He had fourteen children, all born elsewhere. He resided in Southborough, Westborough, Upton, and last at Grafton. His son, Gershom, resided in Grafton for a while. He was styled after 1750 as Lieut. Hezekiah Ward. Children, b. in Grafton,

1. BATHSHEBA, b. May 31, 1750.  
2. MARA, b. Mar. 9, 1753, d. Mar. 11, 1753.

NATHANIEL WARD, (Dea. Joseph, Joseph, John, William), b. May 12, 1734, m. 1773, Hannah Batcheller, b. 1734, d. Apr. 5, 1793. He d. Mar. 27, 1793. A double gravestone in the old burying-ground marks their resting place.

Children,

1. ASA, b. 1774, d. 1776. 2. SALLY, b. 1776, d. 1777.  
3. SALLY, b. July 22, 1778, m. Nov. 14, 1803, Selah Chapin, Jr.  
4. ASA, b. Feb. 26, 1780. Was several years a merchant in Boston, and d. in Cincinnati, of cholera, June 26, 1849, unm.  
5. ANNA, b. Jan. 28, 1782, m. Elisha Chapin.  
6. OLIVER, b. Dec. 3, 1783, m. Betsey Phillips.

- 1-6 OLIVER WARD, (Nathaniel, Dea. Joseph, Joseph, John, William), b. Dec. 3, 1783, m. Feb. 1, 1809, Betsey Phillips. They rev. to North Brookfield, where he d. Feb. 26, 1839. They had eight children.

GERSHOM WARD, (Hezekiah, Col. William, William, William), b. Feb. 1, 1742, m. Sept. 1, 1768, Prudence Powers, of Uxbridge. He d. in Buckland, 1806. Ch., b. in Grafton,

1. DELIVERANCE, b. Feb. 3, 1769.

On the town records the name of his wife is called Deliverance. This, I think, is an error of the town clerk's.

HEZEKIAH WARD, (Hezekiah, Col. William, William, William), by wife Hannah, had children,

1. ABIGAIL, b. Apr. 8, 1750. 2. KARLEY, b. Feb. 17, 1752.

3. MARTHA, b. June 14, 1754. 4. ELISHA, b. Jan. 7, 1757.  
5. CALVIN, b. July 7, 1759. 6. LUTHER, b. Nov. 10 1761.

### WARREN.

JOHN WARREN, came to America in 1630, aged 45, and settled in Watertown; was admitted freeman May 18, 1631; was selectman 1636, to '40. In 1635, he was one of two appointed to lay out all the highways. He owned a homestall of 12 acres and 176 acres of other lots. Oct., 1651, he and Thomas Arnold were each fined 20s. for an offence against the laws concerning baptism. In 1661, "old Warren and Goodman Hammond's" houses were ordered to be searched for Quakers.

SAMUEL WARREN, (John, John, John), b. March 18, 1704, m. Aug. 26, 1728, Tabitha Stone, b. 1702, d. April 21, 1765. He d. Jan. 26, 1775.

Samuel Warren came here from Weston, in 1730, as the following shows:—"S. Warren is a person free from public scandal and (in charity) is meet for church communion," Signed, "WILLIAM WILLIAMS, pastor of the church in Weston."—*Church Record*.

Capt. Warren removed to Grafton about 1730; he was one of the original members of the first church in Grafton; his daughter Sarah was the first white child baptized there. Tradition says he bought his land of the Indians. He built his first house of logs, some distance south of the house now standing built by his grandson John, and nearly opposite the so-called Chapin's lane. He commanded a company that marched for the relief of Fort William Henry, March 25, 1757. He married at Weston, Aug. 26, 1728, Tabitha Stone, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Waite) Stone.

#### Children,

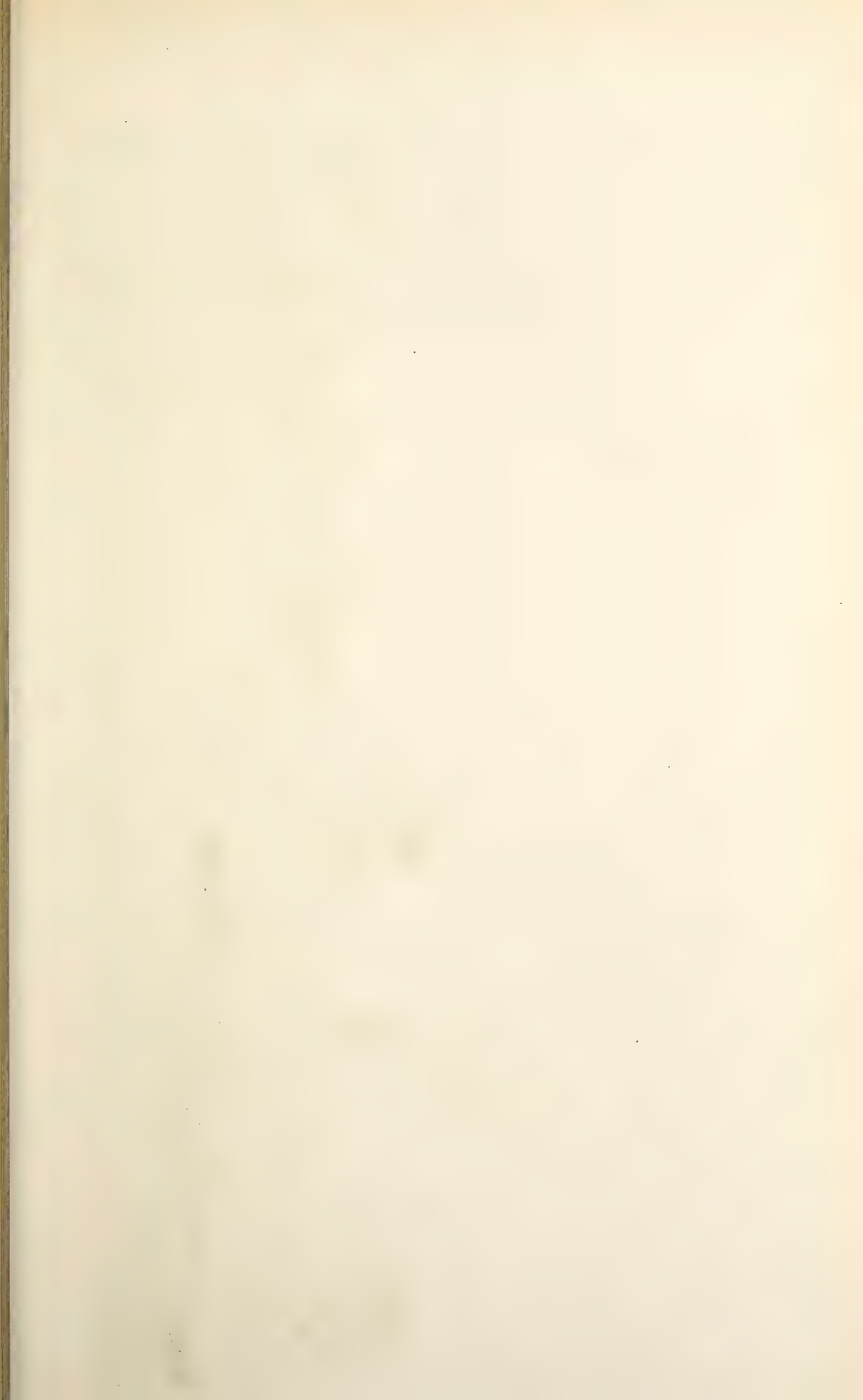
1. SAMUEL, b. April 20, 1730, m. May 29, 1754, Eunice Corbet, of Mendon.
2. SARAH, b. Dec. 24, 1731, m. Phineas Leland (L).
3. REBECCA, b. April 16, 1733. 4. ABIGAIL, b. April 29, 1735.
5. JOHN, b. Aug. 8, 1736, d. Sept. 8, 1755.
6. TABITHA, b. Aug. 6, 1738, d. Sept. 7, 1754.
7. WILLIAM, b. May 29, 1740, rev. to Conway.
- 1 8. DAVID, b. March 24, 1742, m. Prudence Whipple.
- 2 9. JOSEPH, b. April 22, 1745, m. Lois Lyon.
10. MARTHA, b. May 31, 1747.

- 1-8 DAVID WARREN, (Samuel, John, John, John), b. March 24, 1742, m. Prudence Whipple (W), d. 1820. They res. here, and moved to Croyden, N. H., subsequently moving to Newport, N. H.

#### Children,

1. MOSES, b. 1762. 2. AARON, b. 1762.
3. TABITHA, b. 1764. 4. DAVID, b. 1766, d. 1832.
5. PRUDENCE, b. 1768, m. Asa Wheeler (W).
6. SALLY, b. 1770, m. Joshua Wheeler (W).
7. ISAAC, b. 1772, m. Mercy Thomas.
- 3 8. SAMUEL, b. 1775. 9. LOUISA, b. 1777.
10. ASAHUEL, b. 1778, m. Huldah Leland.
11. JEMIMA, b. 1781, m. Lyrell Goodel.

- 2-9 CAPT. JOSEPH WARREN, (Samuel, John, John, John), b. April 22, 1745, m. March 28, 1765, Lois Lyon, b. 1746, d. Feb. 7, 1816. He d. July 19, 1808.







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RESIDENCE OF JOHN WARREN.

In Feb., 1763, he was private in Capt. Ebenezer Cox's company, in His Majesty's service. He was sergeant in Capt. Luke Drury's company, that marched from Grafton to Lexington, April 19, 1775. In April, 1776, he was second lieutenant in Captain Nathaniel Sherman's company in Col. John Goulding's regiment. Aug. 1, 1777, he commanded a company that marched for the relief of Bennington, and again Aug. 16, and in Sept.

Children,

1. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 7, 1765, m. ——— Stow and the Widow Crowning-shield; rev. to Weathersfield.
- 4 2. JOHN, b. Nov. 28, 1767, m. Polly Chapin and Susannah Grout.
3. SALLY, b. Nov. 30, 1769, m. Gardner Brown, of Sutton, Nov., 1791.
4. TABITHA, b. May 8, 1772, m. Jonathan Wadsworth (W).
5. LOIS, b. June 14, 1779, m. Nov. 12, 1797, John Wadsworth (W).
6. PHILA, b. Feb. 21, 1783, m. March 12, 1801, Nathaniel Whipple (W).
7. DELPHIA, b. Nov. 30, 1786, d. 1869, unm.

3-10 ASAHEL WARREN, (David, Samuel, John, John, John), b. 1778, m. Huldah Leland (L), b. 1774. They rev. to Springfield, Vt., in 1805.  
Children,

1. BENJAMIN L., b. Aug. 27, 1803, m. Lucy Barton.
2. HULDAH A., b. March 19, 1805, m. Z. Tuttle.

4-2 JOHN WARREN, (Joseph, Samuel, John, John, John), b. Nov. 28, 1767, m. May 20, 1797, Polly Chapin, d. June 4, 1804; m. 2nd, Oct. 14, 1804, Susannah Grout, b. 1780, d. Dec. 23, 1837. He d. June 17, 1828.

John Warren, son of Joseph and Lois (Lyon) Warren, was born Nov. 28, 1767, in the old Warren house located south-east of the present house (owned now by Mr. R. E. Warren), and a little south of the old well.

He left home soon after he arrived at his majority, and began to clear and pay for a farm in New Hampshire. This farm he soon sold, and in the year 1798 formed a partnership with Mr. Jonathan Wheeler. About 1815, he withdrew from the firm of Wheeler, Warren & Case, and retired to his farm where his father and grandfather had lived from time to time. By purchase he added many acres more. About the year 1804, he built the house now standing.

Mr. Warren had marked domestic taste and was of a mirthful temperament. His neighbors enjoyed his jokes and were fond of repeating them. He once sent a boy not over bright, to the mill to have some grain ground. Before the boy left for the mill, Mr. Warren told him that the miller was a very sharp man, and he must see that the miller did not cheat him. When the boy returned from the mill, Mr. Warren asked him what success he had had and if the miller had treated him all right; the boy replied that the miller when he thought he was not looking, took some of Mr. Warren's grain out of the hopper and put it with his own. "Then what did you do?" asked Mr. Warren. "When he was not looking I put it back again," replied the boy. The miller was often reminded by Mr. Warren of his trying to cheat a poor half-witted boy. Mr. Warren was a clear-headed and systematic business man. A balance sheet still in existence shows his methodical habits.

After his retirement to his farm he was much interested in town affairs.

Children,

1. MARY C., b. March 16, 1799, m. Joseph Merriam (M).
2. JOHN A., b. May 13, 1801, rev. to Texas.

3. CAROLINE F., b. July 5, 1803, d. March 20, 1812.
4. SALLY H., b. Aug. 22, 1805, d. Jan. 27, 1812.
5. ANNA G., b. May 1, 1807, m. Josiah H. Hammond (H).
6. JOSEPH D., b. Nov. 8, 1808, d. Jan. 26, 1812.
7. JONATHAN M., b. Feb. 4, 1810, m. Levina Damon, and rev. to Wauwatosa, Wis., where he lived and died.

"He was one of the pioneers of the county, having settled in the town of Wauwatosa as early as 1838. On his arrival here from Grafton, Mass., he operated the first flouring-mill during the winter of 1838-39, and was occupied with milling interests until 1841, when he settled on the farm he occupied up to the close of his long and busy career. His mill was the first in Milwaukee county, and was patronized by all the settlers within twenty miles of it.

Mr. Warren was the first town clerk of Wauwatosa, and held the office for several successive terms. As a man of affairs he was often consulted on matters of public interest, and as a neighbor and townsman was highly esteemed for his kindness of heart and generous cooperation in every good work. He was a prominent member of the old settlers' club."\* Ch., b. in Grafton, *Luther A.*, b. March 31, 1834; *Susan G.*, b. April 27, 1835; *Julia E.*, b. Jan. 12, 1837.

8. SAMUEL A., b. Sept. 2, 1811, d. Jan. 29, 1812.
9. SUSANNA C., b. Sept. 4, 1813, m. Joseph C. Rice and George H. Rice.
10. JOSEPH A., b. June 17, 1815, m. Sarah Potter and Harriet Greene, and rev. to Wisconsin.
11. SAMUEL D., b. Sept. 13, 1817, m. Sept. 13, 1847, Susan C. Clark, and res. in Boston.

Samuel Dennis Warren was born in Grafton, Mass., Sept. 13, 1817. His parents, John and Susan (Grout) Warren, were influential members of the community in which they lived. His father had been a successful merchant in Grafton, Mass., and Charleston, S. C., but as Samuel was the youngest son of a large family, he was obliged to rely on his own efforts for the making of his future, and it is to this fact primarily, that he ascribes his success. His father died while he was quite young, but the love and influence of his mother, and her advice dictated by strong common sense, guided him through all the trials of his early business career, and we find him turning in every perplexity, for sympathy and counsel to her, who never failed.

His studies began in his native town, were interrupted after two years at the Amherst Academy, by ill health. Immediately, although only fourteen years of age, he sought to enter upon some active duties, and with that intent came to Boston, in Sept., 1832; although well provided with letters from influential men, he was at first unsuccessful in his search for employment; indeed, no opportunity presented itself until after he had returned home, when his relative, Mr. Otis Daniell, offered him the position of boy in his paper warehouse. The style of the firm at this time was Grant & Daniell. Mr. Grant, better known as Deacon Grant, a man eminent for his philanthropy, and diligence in every good work, proved himself a true friend to Mr. Warren, during their long business association.

Mr. Daniell, the other member of the firm, a man of the highest integrity and worth, was, as has been said, a relative and friend, and it was in his family that young Warren found a home during the first years of his city experience.

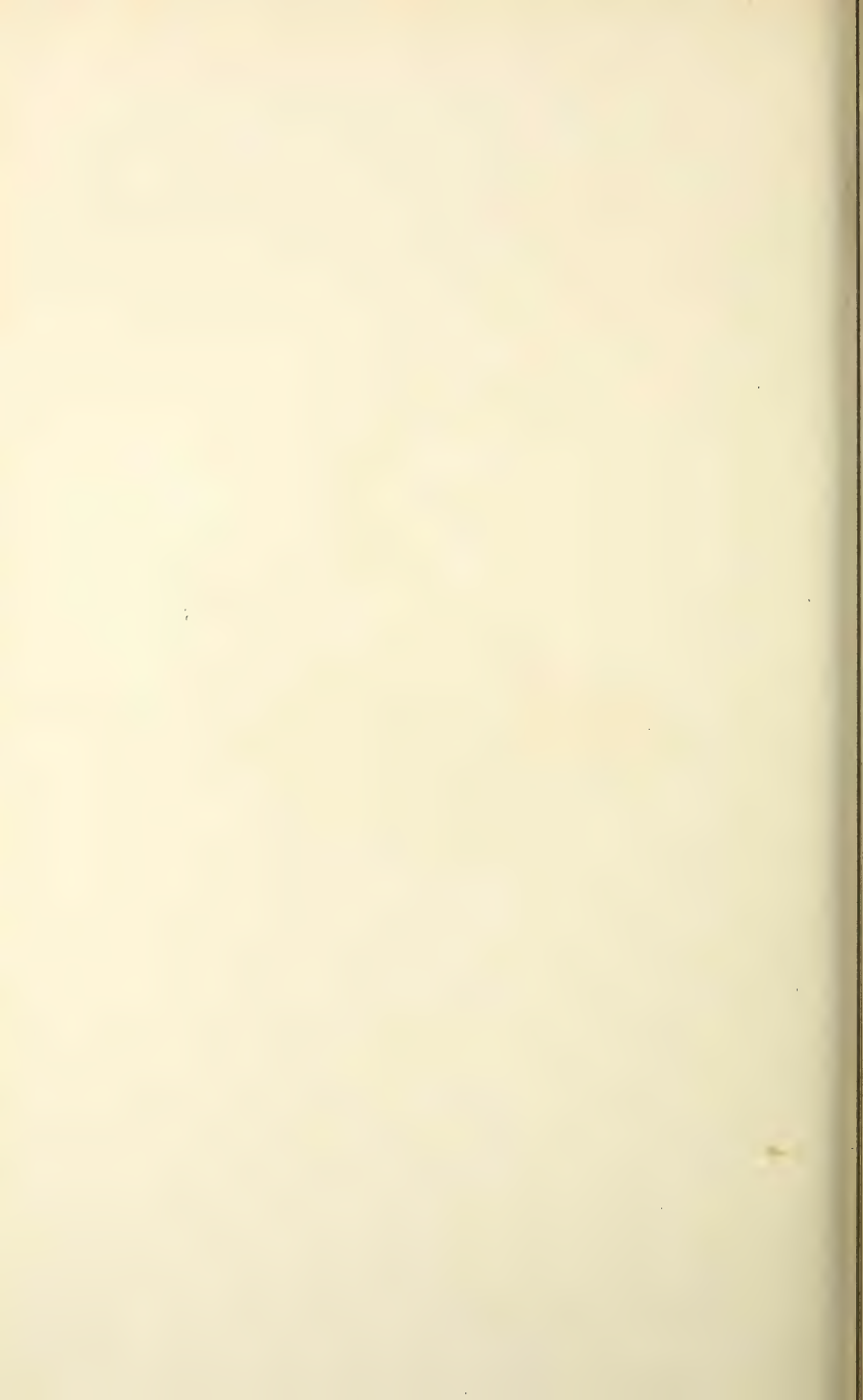
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*S. D. Warren*







Mr. Warren, having at once accepted Mr. Daniell's offer, soon entered upon the duties of a position, in those days especially irksome. In consideration of a merely nominal salary and his board, a boy was expected to be at the warehouse from six o'clock in the morning till nine o'clock at night, and to perform many of the duties which, at present, devolve upon a porter. For the young boy, fresh from the happy freedom of his country home, this was indeed a change hard to be borne, and nothing but the support and encouragement of his mother could have carried him safely through this, the hardest period of his life.

From the beginning his business ability was marked, and the strict discipline of the firm by whom he was employed, taught him the advantages of system and method in all business transactions, which has contributed in so large a measure to his success. While other young men were changing from one thing to another, for the sake of an increase of salary, he remained constant in his position, believing that the thorough learning of a single business was of far greater importance than any temporary money advantage. At the age of twenty-one, however, having obtained a mastery of the business, he decided that it was for his interest to make a change, and gave notice of his intention to the firm. But they, perceiving that he had become indispensable to the interests of the business, immediately offered him a partnership, which he finally concluded to accept, and the style of the firm was accordingly changed to Grant, Daniell & Co. This occurred in 1839, and from that time the business and reputation of the firm increased rapidly. For the succeeding ten years the firm did mainly a commission business.

In 1851, Mr. Warren made his first European trip. Ill health, induced by a too close application to business, occasioned it, and he has since crossed nearly a score of times, feeling that the voyage and entire withdrawal from business, were the only means of obtaining any permanent good.

His second trip abroad, in 1853, resulted in the introduction, by the importation of foreign rags, a new element in the business. At that time he entered into relations with a large shipping house in Leghorn, Italy. These relations have ever since been maintained.

Mr. Warren recognized the fact that the only true and legitimate business was that in which the producer came in direct contact with the consumer, and in the early part of 1853 leased a small mill in Pepperell, Mass., capable of producing two tons per day. This experiment succeeded so well that in the following year he purchased, on his private account, some mills now called the Cumberland Mills, in the town of Westbrook, Me. He immediately began the work of enlarging and remodelling them, making use of the latest improvements in machinery and processes. The water power at that place is one of the best in the country. The product was first increased to three tons per day, then to seven tons, and the mills are now turning out sixteen tons per day. The improvements both in the mills and in their surroundings has been commensurate with the increase in product. The mills are situated on the Presumpscott river, five miles from Portland, the freight facilities to which city, as well as to New York and Boston, are unsurpassed. Although the process of improvement was at once begun, it was not until the close of the year 1878 that they assumed their present proportions. His policy being to spare no expense in anything really useful to the perfection of manufacturing, he has attained for the Cumberland mills a reputation second to none in the country for quality and quantity of their product. The mills, at present, give employment to about three hundred and seventy-five persons, of both sexes, and have thus formed the nucleus of a flourishing village, to which they gave their name.

Besides the Cumberland and Pepperell mills, Mr. Warren has operated mills at Gardiner, Me., and Manchester, N. H. At the present time his entire product amounts to twenty-five tons per day, or over seventy five hundred tons a year, requiring in its manufacture forty tons per day of raw material.

The changes in his business relations, during this period of which we have been speaking, deserve notice. In 1855 Mr. Daniell retired from the firm, and from this time until 1867 its style was Grant, Warren & Co., although by the death of Deacon Grant, in 1863, and the admission of other partners, the interests actually represented were several times changed. In 1867, Mr. Warren separated from his partners, intending to give up the large dealing in paper makers' supplies, hitherto carried on by the firm, and to confine himself to manufacturing. The business was conducted under Mr. Warren's name alone till 1871, when Mr. Charles Fairchild was admitted into partnership, and the firm became, as it is now, S. D. Warren & Co.

At the age of thirty he married Susan C., the daughter of Rev. Dorus Clarke, D. D., originally of Westhampton, Mass. By this marriage Mr. Warren has had six children, five sons and one daughter, of whom five are now living.

12. SARAH E., b. Apr. 4, 1820, m. John W. Mason. Res. Boston.

13. ADELA M., b. Jan. 9, 1822, m. Henry P. Bliss. Res. in Cambridge.

14. HANNAH L., b. July 25, 1824, m. Henry P. Bliss.

SILAS WARREN, (Capt. Daniel, Ensign John, Daniel, John), b. July 28, 1720, in Westborough, m. Dec. 6, 1742, in Westborough, Elizabeth Newton. His great-grandfather and Samuel's grandfather were brothers. She d. Jan. 26, 1794, "very aged." Children,

1. SILAS, b. Dec. 10, 1753. 2. DANIEL, b. Jan. 2, 1756.

5 3. JONATHAN, b. Dec. 6, 1759, m. Sarah Prentice.

4. ELISHA, b. June 22, 1762.

5-3 JONATHAN WARREN, (Silas, Capt. Daniel, Ensign John, Daniel, John), b. Dec. 6, 1759, m. May 1, 1788, Sarah Prentice (P), b. Oct. 31, 1766, d. Mar. 18, 1828. He d. Oct. 4, 1807.

Children,

1. HENRY P., b. Feb. 2, 1789, d. young.

2. HENRY P., b. Aug. 10, 1791, d. Jan. 16, 1841.

3. ELIZABETH N., b. June 9, 1793, m. Jonas Greenwood (G).

4. SARAH, b. Apr. 1, 1795, m. Liberty Wood (W).

5. SILAS, b. Apr. 1, 1797, m. Mary Cutter.

6 6. JONATHAN, b. July 29, 1799, m. Sally S. Brown and Fanny W. (Farnsworth) Johnson.

7 7. CHARLES I., b. Aug. 29, 1801, m. Huldah C. Goddard.

8. HANNAH H., b. Mar. 9, 1803, m. Samuel Harrington (H).

8 9. RUFUS E., b. July 30, 1805, m. Almira Brown and ——— [?].

6-6 JONATHAN WARREN, (Jonathan, Silas, Capt. Daniel, Ensign John, Daniel, John), b. July 29, 1799, m. Nov. 7, 1823, Sally S. Brown (B), b. 1801, d. Apr. 16, 1855; m. 2nd, July 29, 1856, Fanny W. (Farnsworth) Johnson, b. Sept. 19, 1816. He d. Nov. 14, 1875.

"We are pained to hear of the death of Capt. Jonathan Warren, which occurred yesterday. His age was seventy-six years. By the death of Captain Warren Grafton has lost one of her oldest and most respected citizens. Born and brought up in that town, he began business there at the age of twenty years as a boot and shoe manufacturer,

continued in that business for thirty-five years, and accumulated a large property. He was for a number of years town treasurer, and has represented Grafton in the Legislature, besides holding other minor offices. For twenty-five years he was a director and the president of the Millbury Bank. He was also a director in the People's Insurance Company of Worcester, and at the formation of the First National Bank of Grafton, he was chosen its president, and held that position at the time of his death. He built many of the best buildings in Grafton, and contributed largely by his energy and perseverance to the growth, prosperity and business interests of his native town. He was a man of untiring industry, sound judgment, and strict honesty and integrity, and by his death Grafton has suffered a loss which will be severely felt by all her citizens. Captain Warren leaves a widow and two sons, Horace S. Warren, of Grafton, and John D. Warren, of Worcester."—*Worcester Daily Spy*. Children,

1. JONATHAN C., b. July 18, 1825, m. Lizzie Forbush (F).
2. HORACE S., b. Oct. 16, 1827, m. Helen M. Taft.
3. GEORGE W., b. Oct. 8, 1831.
4. JOHN D., b. Jan. 29, 1834, m. Oct. 29, 1863, Jane E. Wheeler (W).  
He d. in Worcester, June 21, 1878.

"Mr. Warren was a son of Jonathan Warren, of Grafton, who, in his day, was one of the best known business men in the State, being for many years engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes. John D. began business with his father, and then went to Boston, where he remained in the boot and shoe trade until about three years ago. He came to this city to live in 1865, purchasing the fine residence of the late General Hobbs, on State street. Subsequently he boarded at the Lincoln House, remaining there until he purchased the residence No. 941 Main street. Last year he bought out the retail coal business of J. S. Rogers & Co., and was thus engaged at the time of his death. Mr. Warren married a daughter of Hon. Jonathan D. Wheeler, of Grafton, and she with one child survives him. He was a member of Quinsigamond Lodge, F. and A. M., having recently received his degrees. He was a very genial and social man, with a large circle of friends, who will sincerely regret his sudden decease. He was proprietor of the city coal yard on Southbridge street, and well known in business circles in this city and Boston. He died of pneumonia, at his residence, No. 941 Main street."—*Worcester Daily Spy*.

5. SARAH B., b. Aug. 5, 1836, m. John L. Baker (B). She d. s. p.
6. HANNAH H., b. Sept. 22, 1838, d. Aug. 15, 1865.

- 7-7 CHARLES IRA WARREN, (Jonathan, Silas, Capt. Daniel, Ensign John, Daniel, John), b. Aug. 29, 1801, m. 1827, Huldah C. Goddard (G), b. May 1, 1805, d. Aug. 14, 1871. He d. Mar. 22, 1872. Children,

1. SARAH A., b. Sept. 29, 1828, m. James W. McKenzie.

He was born January 1, 1830, in Pictou, N. S. During the late war of the Rebellion he served as corporal and sergeant in the Fifth Regiment. When the militia was reorganized, after the war, he was appointed lieutenant of the company raised here, and subsequently was captain. He has been for several terms commander of the G. A. R. Post here. Since 1865 he has been engaged in manufacturing boots and shoes, and dressing leather. He was selectman for two years. His son, George A., was b. Aug. 23, 1854.

2. LEVI G., b. Oct. 16, 1831, d. Dec. 11, 1836.
3. LUCY E., b. Feb. 13, 1838, d. July 7, 1838.
4. CHARLES A., b. Sept. 11, 1842, d. Aug. 20, 1843.

- 8-9 RUFUS E. WARREN, (Jonathan, Silas, Capt. Daniel, Ensign John, Daniel, John), b. July 30, 1805, m. Almira Brown. She d. Feb. 19, 1858; m. 2nd, Hannah M. Wood (W).

He was for many years in active business, being a manufacturer of boots and shoes and in the currying business. He has filled many important town offices of trust and honor, has been a member of the Board of Selectmen, Representative to the General Court, and for twenty-one years town treasurer. He is now engaged in agriculture.

Children,

1. JANE E., b. May 11, 1832, unm. Teacher in our Grammar School.
2. ELLEN E., b. July 10, 1834, unm.

- 9-2 HORACE S. WARREN, (Jonathan, Jonathan, Silas, Capt. Daniel, Ensign John, Daniel, John), b. Oct. 16, 1827, m. Nov. 4, 1858, Helen M. Taft, b. Feb. 10, 1838.

He resided with his father and in 1850 engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes in company with him and his brother Jonathan C. (Jonathan Warren & Co.) In 1855, the style of the firm was changed to Warren, Conant & Co.; Jonathan C. Warren, Conant and Horace S. Warren. In 1858, Jonathan C. died and the firm name was again changed to Conant, Warren & Co. (Conant, Horace S. and John D. Warren). In 1865, the business was continued by Horace S. until 1875, when he discontinued on account of his father's death. He succeeded him in his estate on which he now resides.

Ch.,

1. FRANK H., b. Dec. 30, 1866.

ZACHARIAH WARREN, m. April 1, 1755, Desire Marsh, of Sutton, b. Aug. 5, 1737. The Grafton record says Zachariah; the Sutton record says Zachra. Children,

1. LYDIA, b. Mar. 23, 1756.
2. BENJAMIN, b. Sept. 8, 1758.
3. ARTEMAS, b. July 20, 1763.
4. THOMAS, b. Dec. 3, 1766, d. Nov. 2, 1767.
5. NATHANIEL, b. Dec. 5, 1768.
6. LUCY, b. Dec. 29, 1772, d. Aug. 31, 1775.

MARRIAGES.

Daniel Warren, of Upton, m. Sarah Batcheller, Aug. 8, 1786.

Charles Warren, of Grafton, m. Esther Daniels, Nov. 26, 1828.

Elisha Warren, of N. Braintree, m. Eunice Whipple, May 28, 1793.

**WHEELER.**

THOMAS WHEELER was in Concord with a family in 1640, and in 1675 accompanied Capt. Hutchinson, himself then a captain, with about twenty men to Quabaog, now Brookfield, to treat with the Indians. They were there drawn into an ambush, and suddenly fired upon by the perfidious Indians and eight of their number were instantly killed. Capt. Hutchinson was mortally wounded, had his horse shot under him, and when near being dispatched by the enemy, was rescued by his son, Thomas, he also being wounded, who placed his father upon a horse whose rider was slain, and both succeeded by flight in saving their lives. Capt. Wheeler d. in 1676.



- EBENEZER WHEELER, (Ebenezer, John, George). b. in Concord, Jan. 5, 1716, m. Rachel Wood, of Upton, d. April 27, 1751; m. 2nd, Lois Corbit, d. March 29, 1753; m. 3rd, Sept. 5, 1753, Mrs. Priscilla Hayward, b. Aug. 27, 1726. He d. Feb. 24, 1801. Children,
1. EBENEZER, b. April 13, 1741, d. young. 2. EBENEZER d. Oct. 24, 1759.
  3. JONATHAN, b. April 2, 1743, m. Anna Rand and Mary Rawson.
  4. RACHEL, b. Jan. 14, 1745, m. Timothy Winter.
  5. ZACHEUS, b. Sept. 30, 1749. 6. SUSANNA, b. Oct. 4, 1746 d.
  7. SUSANNA, m. John Thurston (T).
  8. MARY, b. March 20, 1751. 9. NATHAN, b. April 6, 1752.
  10. EPHRAIM, b. June 7, 1754, m. Hannah Goodell.
  11. PRISCILLA, b. June 1, 1755, m. Lewis Thurston (T).
  12. JAMES, b. Dec. 22, 1756, m. Vashti Bigelow.
  13. REBECCA, b. Aug. 24, 1758, m. James Dexter.
  14. SALLY, b. Nov. 5, 1760, m. Ithamer Smith (S).
  15. ESTHER, b. May 4, 1763.
  16. EBENEZER, b. Oct. 15, 1764, m. Susanna Ruggles.
  17. ANNA, b. Aug. 30, 1767, m. John C. Pratt.

- 1-3 COL. JONATHAN WHEELER, (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John, George), b. April 13, 1741, m. April 2, 1765, Anna Rand, b. Oct. 2, 1744, d. Aug. 10, 1777; m. 2nd, Feb. 12, 1778, Mercy Rawson, b. Aug. 13, 1757, d. Oct. 28, 1834. He d. Oct. 9, 1811, after a busy and active life. "Until the fore part of January preceding his death, he had the faculty of knowing all his former acquaintances; and, singular to relate, when asked how he was his answer was uniformly—"pretty well" or "very well." Complaining at no time of pain or distress, always expressing himself with a smile, with calmness and seemingly with composure, his strength and faculties seemed to go together until he became helpless and senseless at the close of life. His first settlement after marriage was in the centre of the town, where he entered into trade, but not having so much success as he could wish he closed his business in that line in 1774, and purchased a tract of almost all wild land in the northwesterly part of this town of about 134 acres, and at his decease his farm consisted of about 413 acres under his own improvement, and was appraised by men under oath to be at the value, including a pew in each meeting-house at \$10,470, exclusive of his personal estate. In March, 1786, he was chosen to command the north company of militia here and received his commission from James Bowdoin, Esq., then Governor of Massachusetts, in which command he remained until Sept., 1793, when he was chosen Lieut.-Col. Commandant by the Second Regiment, second brigade and seventh division of the militia of this commonwealth, when at his own request he received Feb., 1800, an honorable discharge from the Commander-in-chief. In April, 1800, he was chosen superintendent of the Aqueduct Corporation in Boston, by the stockholders, which office he held for three years with reputation to himself and great credit to the works. From 1775, to his illness, he was a laborious farmer and one of the first in the circle of his county. Though often engaged in other undertakings sometimes in trade and other business, yet he never lost sight of his chief delight, which was to cultivate the soil. He was a kind and an affectionate husband, a tender parent, liberal to the poor, a bountiful provider in his house, always a great encourager of schools in the district where he lived and very fond of giving his children an academical education. A promoter of good roads and a firm believer in the Christian religion."

Children,

1. JONATHAN, b. Feb. 19, 1766, m. Hannah H. Abraham.



- 5 | 2. GARDNER, b. Dec. 12, 1768, m. Betsey Drury.
- 6 | 3. EZEKIEL D., b. Nov. 6, 1770, m. Lucretia Thurston.
- 7 | 4. ELHANAN W., b. Sept., 1772.

He graduated at Harvard College; had been in France and various islands in the West Indies; held a lieutenancy in the American army under the administration of President Adams, commanded by Major-General George Washington, in 1798; he had resided at Charleston, S. C., upwards of six years in the mercantile line in which he was much respected, and at his death was of the house of Wheeler & Scott.

5. JASPER, b. Oct., 1776. He d. Aug. 20, 1801, on the Island of Tobago, where he was engaged in mercantile business.
6. ANNA R., b. Feb. 21, 1779, m. John Putnam (P).
- 8 | 7. JOHN, b. Jan. 28, 1781, m. Hannah Sherman.
- 8 | 8. MARY, b. Sept. 24, 1782, d. Oct. 10, 1782.
- 9 | 9. GABRIEL F., b. Aug. 3, 1784, m. Hannah Chapin and Mary T. Burnap.
10. POLLY, b. June 17, 1787, m. Joseph Elliot, Jr. (E).
11. ELBRIDGE G., b. Oct. 11, 1789, d. Nov. 15, 1804.
12. WILLIAM H., b. July 16, 1793.

He died on board the ship *John Linton*, June 26, 1832, on her passage from New Orleans to New York. "William Harvey Wheeler, youngest son of the late Col. Jonathan Wheeler and Mercy his wife, had he lived to the 10th of July following he would have been thirty-nine years of age; he had spent the winter in New Orleans as an assistant to Mr. John Leland, in the mercantile line; became unwell before he left the city, but by the advice of the faculty took passage as above, as the most probable course to restore his health. But an all-wise Providence decided that he should never more return to his relations and friends in Grafton, but was with countless numbers gone before him buried in the briny ocean in as decent a manner as reported by Mr. Leland, his friend, and with all the solemnity the occasion required."

- 2-10 | EPHRAIM WHEELER, (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John, George), b. June 7, 1754, m. June 22, 1772, Hannah Goodell, b. Sept. 6, 1757. "The ox-cart ran over him and split the bones and put the ankle out of joint." He rev. to Upton in 1774, and then to Alstead, N. H.

Children,

1. REUBEN, b. Sept. 23, 1772, d. Dec. 21, 1776.
2. JASPER, b. Nov. 28, 1773, d. Sept. 12, 1775.
3. EPHRAIM, b. Aug. 7, 1775. 4. HANNAH, b. Feb. 5, 1777.
5. WASHINGTON, b. July 22, 1779. 6. JOSEPH, b. May 1, 1781.
7. TIMOTHY, b. Nov. 14, 1782. 8. MARY, b. March 26, 1785.
9. POLLY, b. Jan. 23, 1787, m. Joseph Elliot.
10. REUBEN, b. Feb. 18, 1789. 11. JOHN, b. March 28, 1790.
12. BENJAMIN V., b. Oct. 28, 1793.
13. JONATHAN, and 14, DAVID, twins, b. April 5, 1795.

- 3-12 | JAMES WHEELER, (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John, George), b. Dec. 22, 1756, m. Feb. 26, 1777, Vashti Bigelow (B). He d. Feb. 15, 1828.

Children,

1. PRISCILLA, b. June 23, 1778. 2. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 22, 1780.
3. VASHTI, b. Jan. 31, 1782. 4. JAMES, b. Oct. 8, 1784.
5. ANNE, b. Aug. 2, 1786, d. July 24, 1864, in Vermont.
6. EBENEZER, b. March 13, 1789. 7. EPHRAIM, b. Sept. 30, 1790.
8. HUMPHREY B., b. Aug. 26, 1792.

9. PARTHENIA, b. Sept. 21, 1794, m. David White (W).  
 10. EBENEZER, b. July 7, 1796. 11. MARTHA, b. May 17, 1798.  
 12. ADELINE, b. Jan. 20, 1800. 13. ELMIRA, b. May 2, 1802.

- 4-16 EBENEZER WHEELER, (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John, George), b. Oct. 15, 1764, m. Nov. 8, 1787, Susannah Ruggles. Children,  
 1. POLLY, b. May 4, 1788. 2. EBENEZER, b. Apr. 27, 1791.  
 3. SUSANNAH, b. Jan. 3, 1792. 4. JOHN R., b. Mar. 17, 1794.

- 5-1 JONATHAN WHEELER, (Jonathan, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John, George), b. Feb. 19, 1766, m. Oct. 10, 1798, Hannah H. Abraham, b. Dec. 4, 1764, d. Feb. 25, 1844. He d. Dec. 2, 1843.

- 6-2 GARDNER WHEELER, (Jonathan, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John, George), b. Dec. 12, 1768, m. Apr. 16, 1788, Betsey Drury. Children,  
 1. PATTY, b. Apr. 29, 1787. 2. ELIJAH, b. Feb. 27, 1791.  
 3. ELHANAN, b. Nov. 26, 1792.  
 4. ARTEMAS, b. 1796. He d. in Burlington, Vt., Feb. 11, 1822.

He fitted for college in Grafton, and entered Dartmouth College in August, 1813, and was graduated in 1817. He entered the law office of Charles Adams, Esq., of Burlington, and subsequently opened an office in that place. His death was much lamented.

- 7-3 EZEKIEL D. WHEELER, (Jonathan, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John, George), b. Nov. 6, 1770, m. June 21, 1792, Lucretia Thurston, b. 1772, d. Mar. 17, 1813. He d. in Barre, Vt., Feb. 25, 1808.

He had served many years as deputy-sheriff in Orange County, with an unblemished reputation, leaving a widow, five daughters and one son, with numerous relatives and an extensive acquaintance, to mourn his loss. Children,

1. NANCY, m. Charles Robinson. 2. MARY T., m. Roswell P. Keith.  
 3. LUCRETIA, m. Sept. 14, 1818, Joseph Leland.  
 4. BETSEY D., b. 1796, d. May 15, 1811.  
 5. HANNAH A., b. July 13, 1804, m. Oct. 5, 1825, Lewis Mills.  
 10 6. JONATHAN D., b. Aug. 14, 1806, m. Elizabeth Davenport and Caroline A. Norcross.

The following was copied from Mr. Wheeler's gravestone:—

“Expiring nature shrinks with fear,  
 And shudders at the thought of death;  
 Yet millions who have traveled there  
 Have found a sweet release from earth.”

From Mrs. Wheeler's:—

“Aspire my soul to glorious deeds,  
 The captain of salvation leads.  
 March on, nor fear to win the day,  
 Though death and hell obstruct the way.”

- 8-7 JOHN WHEELER, (Jonathan, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John, George), b. Jan. 28, 1781, m. Hannah Sherman (S). Children,  
 11 1. JOHN, b. Jan. 10, 1804, m. Miriam P. Daniels and Mary L. Hewett.  
 2. MARCY A., b. Apr. 9, 1817, m. E. R. Thompson. They res. in Worcester, and had two children.

- 9-9 GABRIEL F. WHEELER, (Jonathan, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John, George), b. Aug. 3, 1784, m. Oct. 18, 1815, Hannah Chapin, b. Feb. 26, 1791, d. May 12, 1817; m. 2nd, Dec. 27, 1818, Nancy T. Burnap, b. Apr. 17, 1786, d. May 18, 1870. He d. Mar. 5, 1855.

Children,

1. AMELIA A., b. Mar. 3, 1822, unm.
- 12 2. EDMOND F., b. Nov. 11, 1824, m. Elizabeth Barker.
3. ELHANAN B., b. Apr. 4, 1826, d. Sept. 9, 1850.

- 10-6 HON. JONATHAN D. WHEELER, (Ezekiel D., Jonathan, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John, George), b. Aug. 14, 1806, m. Oct. 28, 1830, Elizabeth Davenport, d. May 15, 1832; m. 2nd, Oct. 13, 1834, Caroline A. Norcross.

At the early age of seven years he came to Grafton, and resided with his paternal uncle, Jonathan Wheeler, Esq., and while here entered Leicester Academy, from which place he graduated. After graduation he studied languages with Dr. Dodgett, and in 1823 he entered the firm of Earle & Chase (J. Milton Earle and Anthony Chase), in Worcester, as clerk. After remaining here a few years he went to Weston, and engaged in mercantile business, where he remained for three years, subsequently entering the employ of the Bottomly Manufacturing Company, in Leicester, as chief clerk in their office. In 1829 he came to this town and purchased the store of Samuel Harrington, and with Ebenezer Aldrich as partner conducted the business. While in this business he married Elizabeth Davenport, of Mendon, daughter of Benjamin Davenport. In 1832 he sold out his interest in the concern to Jonathan Warren, and removed to Boston, where he conducted, for five years, a domestic goods commission business at No. 75 Kilby street, under the firm name of Farnum, Mills & Wheeler. During the last two years the firm name was Pierce, Mills & Wheeler. In 1834 he married for his second wife, Caroline A. Norcross, of Boston, daughter of Otis Norcross, Esq., and sister of Hon. Otis Norcross, ex-mayor of Boston. In the following year, 1837, he formed a co-partnership with Benjamin Poor, and conducted an extensive commission business for nearly two years. In 1839, with Peter Farnum, he purchased of the Wadsworth Manufacturing Company, at Dennyville (Barre), Mass., the large woolen mills, and for a short time conducted an extensive manufacturing business. He subsequently sold out to his partner, and returned to Boston. Moving again to Grafton in 1843, he entered into business with Samuel Harrington (firm name, Harrington & Wheeler), and after a short time purchased what is now known as the "Wheeler Cotton Mills," in West Millbury. He is now the treasurer of the corporation, and his son, William H. Wheeler, is president and manager.

In 1863-4 he was a member of Governor Andrew's council from the Sixth Councillor District. In 1868 he represented the Second Worcester Senatorial District in the Massachusetts Legislature, and was chairman of the committee on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad; he declined a re-election. Since the organization of the Grafton National Bank he has been a director, and president since 1864. He was selectman for three years. Children,

1. LOUIS D., b. Mar. 3, 1837, d. Feb. 6, 1839.
- 13 2. WILLIAM H., b. Jan. 17, 1839, m. Ellen P. Washburn.
3. JANE E., b. Mar. 26, 1841, m. John D. Warren (W).
4. SAMUEL N., b. Jan. 16, 1843, d. Oct. 2, 1843.
5. ADDISON N., b. Jan. 21, 1845, d. Sept. 7, 1845.
6. FLORENCE, b. Sept. 8, 1849, d. July 31, 1850.



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RESIDENCE OF HON. JONATHAN D. WHEELER.

Boston.







- 11-1 JOHN WHEELER, (John, Jonathan, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John, George), b. Jan. 10, 1804, m. Sept. 4, 1831, Miriam P. Daniels, b. Aug. 7, 1807, d. Oct. 28, 1871; m. 2nd, Sept. 11, 1870, Mary L. Hewett, b. July 16, 1831.

The Rev. George S. Ball, of Upton, in a letter to the *Christian Register*, referred to Mr. John Wheeler as follows:—"The last called away was Mr. John Wheeler, who died October 28, 1871, aged 67 years and 5 months. Mr. Wheeler was a native of Grafton. He had spent a large portion of his life away from his native place, in places where he had not the opportunity of attending a Unitarian meeting, and hearing a preacher of his own faith. But after many years, and the loss of his wife and some of his children, he returned to spend his last years with his son, W. D. Wheeler, Esq., of Grafton. Here at once he identified himself with Mr. Scandlin's society, and enjoyed the preaching of that faith he had ever maintained and loved. His ability and known character at once made him prominent among this people, as one to be trusted with any duty as a citizen, or a fellow-worker in the Lord's vineyard. Though suffering for many years, he was always at his post in the church and Sunday school. His last sickness was very painful at times, but though at first his mind faltered under the power of disease, at last it shone out with great brightness, enabling him to talk clearly and freely with his friends. He was most tenderly nursed by a wife to whom he had been married about two years; but no tenderness could ward off the approach of death. He saw it advancing without fear. He remarked, 'his faith he had found good to live by, and was sure it was good to die by.' He has four sons remaining, not one of whom could be with him in his last sickness. Lieutenant Wheeler, commanding the exploring expedition, to which attention has lately been called through its peril, and the death of the lamented Loring connected with it, and under his brother is W. D. Wheeler, so lately among Mr. Scandlin's people, and other sons, could not reach his bedside. This to him was a deprivation he deplored, but to which he submitted as unavoidable. Calmly and trustfully, almost joyfully, passed away this honorable and good man. The society at Grafton will feel the loss of this and others among their noble ones called away." Children,

- 14 1. WILLARD D., b. Jan. 17, 1833, m. Sarah M. Forbush (F).  
 2. HANNAH M., b. Nov. 28, 1834, d. Mar. 9, 1839.  
 3. JOHN P., b. Feb. 4, 1837, m. Maggie Davidson, and d. July 12, 1863.  
 4. WILLIAM H., res. Colorado.  
 5. GEORGE M., b. Oct. 9, 1842, m. Jimmie Blair.

Capt. George Montague Wheeler, corps of engineers, U. S. army, was born October 9th, 1842, in Grafton, Mass., at the residence of John Wheeler, Sr., near the road leading from Grafton Centre to New England Village. While at an early age his parents first removed to Mendon, and thence to Hopkinton, Mass., where such education as his health permitted was acquired. His first attendance at the common schools was in the old red School-house, of the square or Puritan pattern, at the cross-roads between Hayden Row, of Hopkinton, and Ashland, subsequently at Hayden Row, and then in the aforementioned district finishing his common school education in his tenth year. Subsequently a course was taken at the Hopkinton Academy, and at the private school of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Wheeler, at Grafton, as well as that of Mr. and Mrs. Hayward, at Hopedale, Mass. At the Academy special proficiency was shown in mathematics, spelling, and the construction of language. Ill health, during the years from fourteen to nineteen, precluded the plan of prosecuting his further mental training, as was in-

tended at the Law School of Harvard University. While carrying on his studies at Grafton, he was clerk in the store of his brother, W. D. Wheeler, where he obtained his first experience as an accountant. At the outbreak of the rebellion he was confined to his room from serious bronchial afflictions that had reduced him nearly to a skeleton and preventing his desired enlistment in the army. His subsequent appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, in 1862, prevented him from taking any personal part in the field during the late war.

Entering the Military Academy in 1862, he graduated in 1866, in a class of forty-two as sixth in general standing, and in the principal branches as follows:—Physics, Mechanics, Astronomy, Acoustics and Optics 1, Engineering 2, Mathematics 3, Geology, Mineralogy and Chemistry 5. He was recommended by the Academic Board for promotion in all branches of the military service, *i. e.*: Engineers, Ordnance, Artillery, Cavalry and Infantry; choosing the former, in which he was commissioned second lieutenant, June 9, 1866, promoted to first lieutenant March 7, 1867, and to a captaincy in that corps March 4, 1879.

Upon completion of his graduation, he was assigned to duty at San Francisco, Cal., under Major Elliot, corps engineers, in charge of fortifications in and about San Francisco harbor. His first professional work was in making topographical surveys in contours of sights for permanent fortifications along the western side of the southern portion of the peninsula of San Francisco, and facing the Golden Gate. Finishing this duty he was engaged in the construction of sea wall as a foundation for casemated works near Fort Point in San Francisco harbor, and in providing protection for the sea wall already built, the underlying concrete beds of which had become exposed to the direct action of ocean currents. Subsequently having been placed on duty upon the staff of Brigadier-General Ord, Commanding the department of California, his duties were of a more varied nature, including besides the surveys for military reservations, reconnoissance observations for routes of communication, and in the extended reconnoissance of 1869, in southern and southeastern Nevada.

It was during this trip that he conceived the plan of a connected and systematic topographical survey of the entire western mountain domain. Completing the office work of the 1869 expedition, he made his first trip east in the fall of 1870, to be subsequently called to Washington in Feb., 1871, to prepare for extended explorations and surveys in the western interior; and upon the close of the expedition of 1871, presented a systematic plan for the survey by Astronomical, Geodetic and Topographical means and resultant mapping of the entire area west of the 100th meridian, comprising approximately 1,500,000 square miles. The topographical field work was constantly supplemented by observations and collections in geology, mineralogy, zoology, botany, archaeology, ethnology, and philology, in each of which branches special reports have been made. Congress authorized this plan by act approved, June 10, 1872, and it has since been steadily and boldly advanced under his charge. The area embraced including the year 1878, has been approximately 350,000 square miles, of which more than three-fourths has been published in map form for the current uses of the government, and reproduced by publishers at home and abroad, in charts of varying scales including school atlases for the public. The expeditions have operated in the political divisions of the States of California, Nevada, Oregon, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, and the Territories of Washington, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico. The publications, embracing not less than 30 quarto and octavo reports and 60 maps of various



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scales have, besides the distribution through the different parts of the military service been forwarded to the principal libraries of the United States, and those of the most important of the foreign countries. He has always taken an active interest in pointing out to the general government the proper position, class and extent of its surveys, and inaugurated in 1873, a critical examination in connection with the topography, into the classification of the public lands not yet sold. He still remains in charge of that most important part of the surveys of the engineer department, the geographical and topographical surveys west of the Mississippi River, with station and office at Washington, D. C.

6. EDWARD A., b. May 21, 1845.

7. CHARLES A., b. July 23, 1849, m. Abbie Eastman, res. in Col.

- 12-2 EDMOND F. WHEELER, (Gabriel F., Jonathan, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John, George), b. Nov. 11, 1824, m. May 18, 1846, Elizabeth Barker, b. Dec. 9, 1826. He res. on his father's place in New England Village.

Children,

1. MARY J., b. March 5, 1848, d. Sept. 25, 1851.
2. WILLIAM E., b. Oct. 22, 1850, m. Mary E. Leonard, and res. in Worcester.
3. ROSELLA A., b. Oct. 29, 1852, m. George L. Snow, and rev. to Orange.
4. SARAH E., b. Aug. 18, 1853. 5. CHARLES A., b. Oct. 11, 1857.
6. HENRY A., b. May 18, 1861. 7. NELLIE A., b. Feb. 17, 1866.
8. WALTER B., b. May 6, 1867.

- 13-2 WILLIAM HARVEY WHEELER, (Hon. Jonathan D., Jonathan, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John, George), b. Jan. 17, 1839, m. Jan. 7, 1860, Ellen P. Washburn, b. Dec. 15, 1841.

He is President and general manager of the Wheeler Cotton Mills, in West Milbury.

Children,

1. CAROLINE F., b. Feb. 19, 1861. 2. WILLIAM H., Jr., b. Aug. 4, 1862.
3. JONATHAN, b. Oct. 26, 1863. 4. LILLIAN O., b. Aug. 3, 1868.
5. SAMUEL A. N., b. April 26, 1870, d. July 4, 1878.
6. GRACE, b. June 20, 1871. 7. ELLEN W., b. Sept. 11, 1872.

- 14-1 WILLARD D. WHEELER, (John, John, Jonathan, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John, George), b. Jan. 17, 1833, m. Oct. 4, 1854, Sarah M. Forbush (F), b. July 24, 1831.

Major Wheeler remained with his father at home, receiving meantime such limited education as could be derived from the common schools of his native town, with the addition of two or three terms at the High School, until Feb. 28, 1851, when he entered the store of Winthrop Faulkner, as clerk, where he remained three years, and then began business for himself at the premises formerly occupied by Wood, Kimball & Co., in what was known as the "White Store." In April, 1856, he formed a co-partnership with Silas A. Forbush, for the manufacture of boots and shoes, which firm existed until early in 1864, when President Lincoln appointed him additional paymaster in the army, which position he accepted and held until Nov. 1, 1865, when he was mustered out and returned to Grafton; soon after engaged in brokerage business in Boston, until the spring of 1871, when he joined the government exploring expedition under the charge of his brother, Lieut. George M. Wheeler, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. In 1872, and part of 1873, went to Arizona as superintendent of a San Francisco



mining company. Again joining Lieut. Wheeler for the purpose of building, under the lieutenant's direction, the United States Astronomical Observatory at Ogden, Utah, remained with the expedition until the fall of 1875, when he was appointed, by the Quartermaster-General of the Army, as agent to examine and report upon claims against the government presented by citizens of the State of Maryland, for damages caused by Union troops during the war; held this position until the summer of 1876.

In August, of the same year, he was appointed agent for the Ute Indians at Los Pinos Agency, Colorado, which position he held until Jan. 15, 1878, since which time he has been engaged in Hydraulic mining in the San Juan region of Colorado.

Children,

1. SARAH M., b. March 1, 1857, d. Sept. 3, 1859.
2. WALTER F., b. July 13, 1859.
3. EDWARD A., b. Sept. 23, 1861, d. Nov. 21, 1862.
4. MIRIAM E., b. Nov. 23, 1863.

SAMUEL A. WHEELER, of Westborough, by wife Lucina, had, ch.,

1. HENRY A., b. Feb. 27, 1841.
2. HARRIET H., b. Nov. 5, 1842.

JAMES WHEELER, m. Levinah Bigelow, b. Feb. 1, 1756.

REV. JOHN W. WHEELER, the son of Zacheus, b. 1811, by wife Nancy Foster, had, ch.,

1. NANCY N., b. 1838.

He was a Methodist minister.

#### MARRIAGES.

Aaron Wheeler, of Boston, m. Miriam Fay, July 31, 1829.

Asa Wheeler, of Leicester, m. Polly Goddard, May 6, 1830.

Solomon Wheeler, of Shrewsbury, m. Zipporah Harrington, Aug. 26, 1771.

#### WHEELOCK.

LEONARD WHEELOCK, (Paul, Paul), b. Sept. 4, 1785, m. 1804, Persis Brigham (B), b. Aug. 4, 1786, d. March 5, 1871. He d. July, 13, 1858.

Children,

- 1 1. DANIEL B., b. March 7, 1805, m. Sophia Brigham.
  2. SOPHRONIA, b. Aug. 7, 1807.
  - 2 3. GARDNER L., b. July 27, 1810, m. Caroline A. Wood.
  4. MARY B., b. Aug. 28, 1813, d. Sept. 1, 1814.
  - 3 5. LEONARD S., b. July 15, 1815, m. Adaline A. Doane, Abby Pollard and Lucy Pollard.
  6. SOLOMON B., b. Sept. 7, 1817, m. Ruth Hall.
  7. WILLIAM R., b. Aug. 17, 1822, m. Caroline E. Brewer.
  8. FRANCIS A., b. Oct. 21, 1828, m. Esther C. Briggs.
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- 1-1 DANIEL B. WHEELOCK, (Leonard, Paul, Paul), b. March 7, 1805, m. Nov. 19, 1828, Sophia Brigham (B), b. June 7, 1806. Children,
1. SOPHRONIA, b. Sept. 20, 1829.
  2. LUCIAN B., b. Aug. 20, 1831.
  3. PERSIS S., b. July 18, 1833.
  4. ADALINE A., b. March 11, 1837.

5. MARY B., b. Apr. 13, 1840, d. July 7, 1872.  
 6. FRANCIS F., b. Oct. 23, 1847, d. Nov. 11, 1864.

2-3 GARDNER L. WHEELOCK, (Leonard, Paul, Paul), b. July 27, 1810, m. Nov. 29, 1832, Caroline A. Wood (W), b. Oct. 7, 1813. He d. Mar. 25, 1870. Children,

1. HENRY G., b. Dec. 22, 1833. 2. CLARENDON W., b. Apr. 12, 1836.  
 3. LEWIS E., b. Aug. 4, 1839, d. Sept. 14, 1839.  
 4. CAROLINE S., b. Oct. 28, 1841, d. Dec. 3, 1849.  
 5. SUSANNAH S., b. Nov. 23, 1843, d. Sept. 4, 1844.  
 6. SUSAN A., b. May 31, 1849.

3-5 LEONARD S. WHEELOCK, (Leonard, Paul, Paul), b. July 15, 1815, m. Nov. 9, 1835, Adaline A. Doane, b. 1815, d. July 2, 1836; m. 2nd, Oct. 18, 1838, Abby Pollard, b. May 29, 1813, d. Apr. 15, 1845; m. 3rd, Nov. 18, 1845, Lucy Pollard, b. July 25, 1820. Children,

1. ANGELINE A., b. June 17, 1836, d. Oct. 2, 1837.  
 2. CHARLES A., b. May 28, 1839.  
 3. CURTIS L., b. Feb. 20, 1841, d. Nov. 18, 1841.  
 4. CANDES A., b. June 20, 1843.  
 5. LEWIS A., b. Mar. 27, 1845, d. Apr. 18, 1845. } Twins.  
 6. LUCY A., b. Mar. 27, 1845, d. Apr. 13, 1845. }  
 7. WARREN P., b. Aug. 27, 1847, d. Mar., 1855.  
 8. SARAH A., b. Oct. 8, 1850, d. Mar. 13, 1857.  
 9. FRANCIS M., b. Apr. 8, 1851. 10. IDA S., b. Aug. 23, 1854.  
 11. LAURA P., b. June 8, 1857, d. May 13, 1858.  
 12. HORACE W., b. June 20, 1859, d. Sept. 20, 1859.

DANIEL WHEELOCK, (Paul, Paul), b. Nov. 7, 1799, m. Sept. 3, 1826, Susannah P. Prentice (P), b. 1803. He d. Aug. 25, 1865, from injuries received while moving a building. Children,

1. SUSAN L., b. Sept. 8, 1827.  
 2. DANIEL A., b. June 27, 1829, m. Abby L. Wheelock.  
 3. SARAH J., b. May 8, 1832, m. Samuel Delos Hickok.  
 4. JEROME, b. June 20, 1834, m. Lydia A. Robinson.

Among the sons of Grafton who have attracted general attention by honorable achievements, Jerome Wheelock, Esq., deserves a high place. This eminent mechanic and inventor was born at Leland's Landing, in this town, June 20th, 1834, and was the son of Mr. Daniel Wheelock. His early education was limited to such training as he could obtain by attending the common schools of the town a part of the time till his fifteenth year. A noteworthy event of his youth occurred at this time, and served to display very clearly the self-reliant and determined temper that was in him. To have run away from home in a moment of boyish resentment might indicate merely an irritable and uncontrolled disposition; might be, at best, but the "flash and outbreak of a fiery mind." Such escapades usually terminate in as sudden returns, or are the beginning of a life of vagabondage. But young Wheelock, on account of some real or fancied grievance, seceded from the parental home, and so effectually concealed his whereabouts against the most strenuous efforts at discovery, that he established once for all his independence, and ensured ever after respectful treatment.

The natural bent of his mind was soon gratified through the favor of Hon. Abraham M. Bigelow, by a situation in the Taunton Locomotive Works, then under the charge of Harrison Tweed, Esq. Here he remained as apprentice three years, having, as his subsequent career

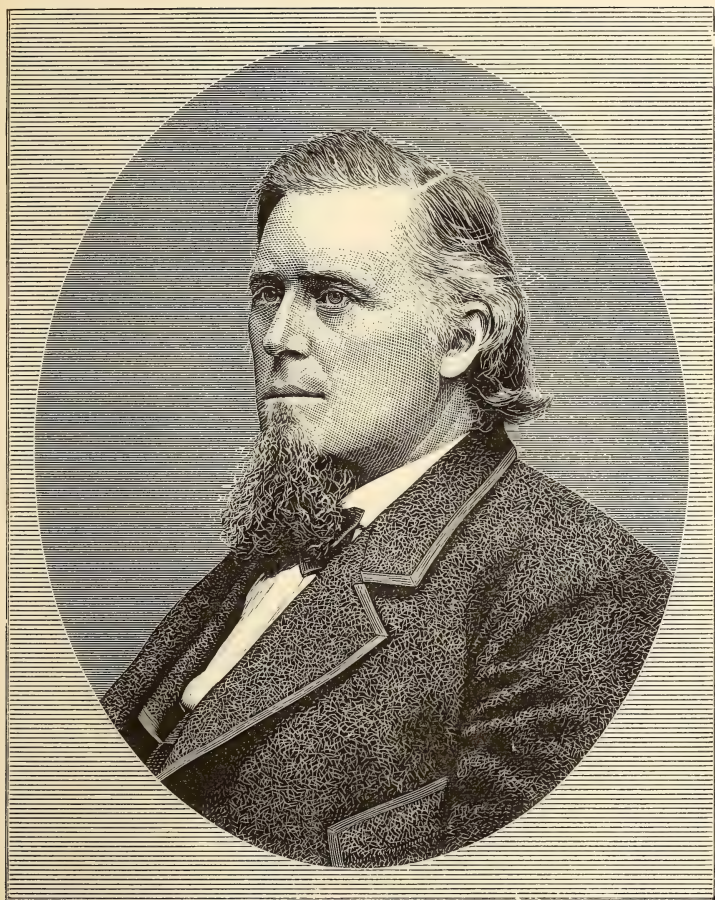
abundantly proves, "plucked out the heart of the mystery" of that most majestic of human inventions, the steam engine. Subsequently he obtained, and held for ten years, the position of manager of the steam and machinery department of the Washburn Iron Works, in Worcester.

During this time he invented and patented his steam cylinder packing, which soon commanded such recognition among users of steam that he found it necessary to make arrangements for its extensive manufacture. He accordingly formed a co-partnership with Mr. Charles A. Wheeler, and began the manufacture of this article in 1865. In 1870, Mr. Wheeler dying, Mr. Wheelock removed to the place now occupied by him for the manufacture of steam engines, on Union street, in Worcester. He had about this time perfected the invention on which his principal claim to distinction rests.

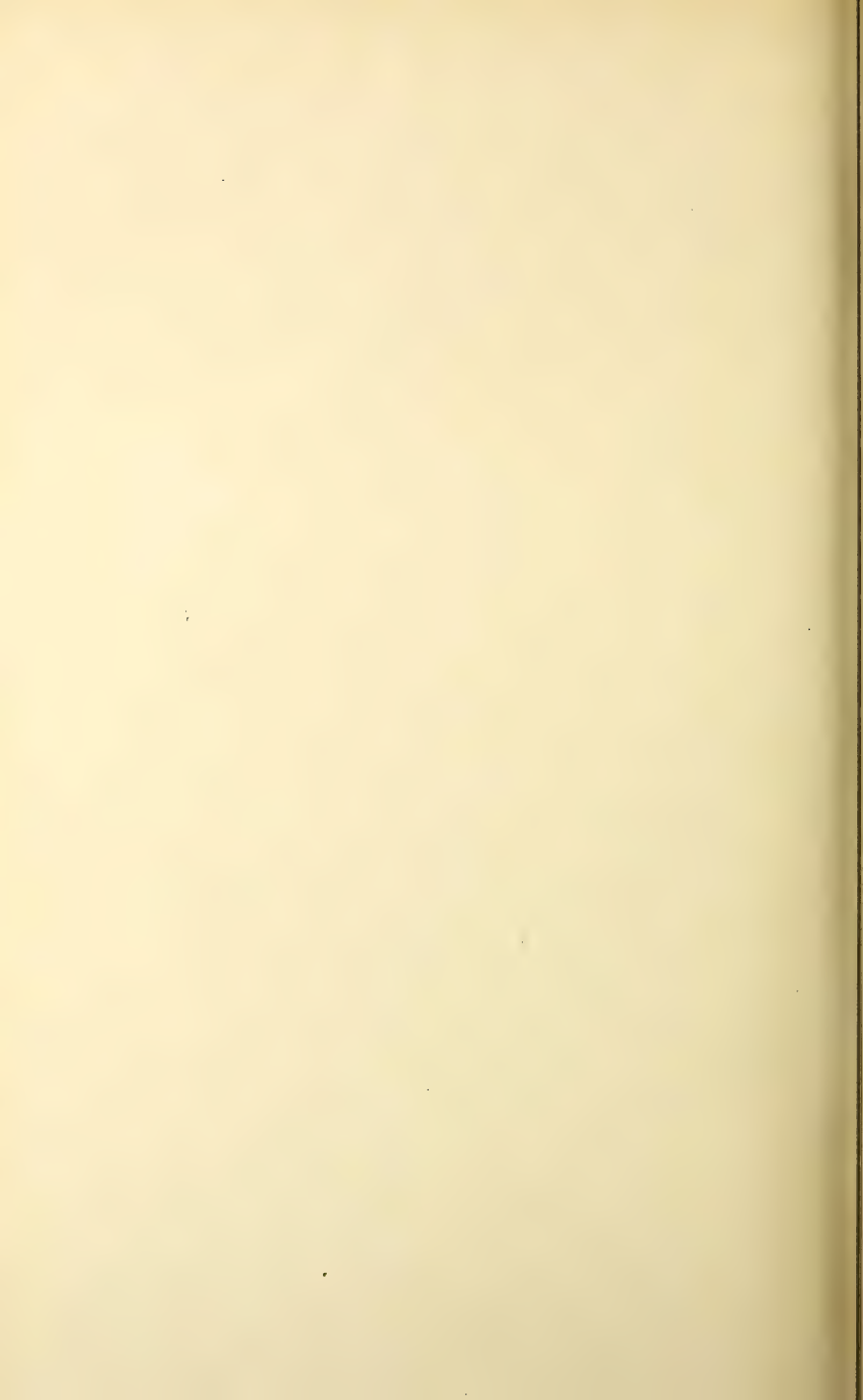
The limits of this sketch forbid any description of his invention, or any critical discussion of its merits. On a stage less extended and imposing, and with settings and accessories less striking and dazzling, Mr. Wheelock has rendered the same kind of service to the art of applying the power of steam to human uses, as that rendered by the great George Stephenson. Like Stephenson, he found all the essential principles of the steam engine already invented to his hand. Unlike Stephenson, he found it had attained great and marvellous perfection in detail. Yet, notwithstanding the immense advance that had been made in the construction of the steam engine since the great English inventor turned his creative genius upon the rude machines of his day, Mr. Wheelock found what appeared to his delicate mechanical sensibility much unnecessary complication, inconsistency, and clumsiness of mechanism, in the contrivances which controlled the application of the power to the piston. Long and patiently he labored to express the thought which possessed him. To such a degree of perfection had the location, construction and motion of the valves, governing the induction and egress of the steam to and from the cylinder, been brought by other inventors, that to attempt an improvement seemed almost like an attempt to gild refined gold. And indeed the whole scope of Mr. Wheelock's invention lay in the realm of such nice and delicate mechanical distinctions, almost beyond ordinary apprehension, that to embody it in a machine required the clearest mental vision and the deftest mechanical skill. But he saw with perfect clearness the truth of his conception, and he knew he could express it. At length, by a few devices full of that simplicity which always characterizes valuable thought, he surmounted the difficulties of the problem—the machine was completed. In its steady, regular, noiseless and graceful motion, the inventor saw the realization of the most delicate shade of his idea. The completeness of his success is best attested by the universal applause bestowed on his work by mechanical experts in all parts of the world. Besides the great gold medal of progress received by him at New York, in 1875, the Centennial medal and diploma at Philadelphia, in 1876, and the grand prize at Paris, in 1878, he has received from competent judges such flattering encomiums as might well turn the head of any one disposed to listen to flattery.

Colonel Forney, in a Paris letter to the *Philadelphia Press*, giving an eloquent description of the engine, and recounting an interview with Mr. Wheelock's son, Jerome, Jr., a lad of sixteen, who was in sole charge of the machine, says he remarked to the boy as he took his hand, "Your father has given you a prouder name and a richer heritage than any king in Europe could give to his son." Without quarreling with that proposition at all, and speaking within the sober limits which history is bound to prescribe to itself, there is no doubt that Mr.





*Yours Truly  
Jerome Wheelock*





Wheelock has placed his name high on the roll of distinguished American mechanics, whose works adorn their country and their age.

5. EMILY, b. Aug. 22, 1837, d. May 22, 1838.

6. EMILY, b. July 21, 1840.

7. JOSEPH H., b. 1844, m. Jenny L. Redfield.

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JEFFERSON WHEELOCK, (Paul, Paul), m. Elizabeth ———. She d. and he m. May 15, 1828, Rebecca Fiske; m. 3rd, Louisa ———. Children,

1. ELIZABETH T., b. Mar. 7, 1825. 2. MARIA R., b. Oct. 19, 1832.

3. LORENZO S., b. Sept. 11, 1834. 4. HENRY F., b. Oct. 7, 1837.

5. SIRENA L., b. Dec. 14, 1840, d. Sept. 9, 1841.

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NATHAN S. WHEELOCK, m. July 14, 1836, Elizabeth Bathrick. Ch.,

1. HELEN M., b. Oct. 26, 1839.

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RUSSELL WHEELOCK, (Paul, Paul), by wife Betsey, had,

1. CHARLES R., b. May 22, 1826. 2. WILLIAM E., b. Feb. 10, 1828.

3. GEORGE L., b. June 7, 1832. 4. MARTIN V. B., b. Jan. 30, 1841.

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REUBEN WHEELOCK, (Paul, Paul), by wife Charlotte, had,

1. LUTHER, b. Apr. 1, 1810. 2. CALVIN, b. Sept. 4, 1812.

3. CHARLOTTE H., b. June 20, 1815. 4. LUCRETIA M., b. Oct. 12, 1817.

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PAUL WHEELOCK, (Paul), m. Martha Sibley, b. Jan. 4, 1763.

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PAUL WHEELOCK, (Paul), by wife Thankful, had,

1. ALVAN, b. Apr. 23, 1761.

2. LUTHER, b. Feb. 5, 1764, d. July 17, 1773.

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COL. TIMOTHY WHEELOCK, b. May 19, 1800, m. Feb. 7, 1825, Mary M. Marsh, b. Oct. 28, 1806, d. July, 1876. Children,

1. HARRIET L., b. Dec. 6, 1825, d. Sept. 4, 1827.

2. TIMOTHY E., b. Feb. 28, 1828, m. Elizabeth J. Good.

3. HARRIET L., b. Aug. 18, 1830, d. Apr. 30, 1857.

4. WARREN P., b. Jan. 2, 1840, d. Aug. 7, 1841.

5. ELLEN M., b. Feb. 9, 1843.

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GARDNER WHEELOCK, (Paul, Paul), m. Ann Harrington (H), b. 1792, d. 1831. Children,

1. OLIVER H., b. Oct. 5, 1819. 2. NANCY M., b. Mar. 21, 1821.

3. MARY E., b. Mar. 29, 1829, m. Jasper S. Nelson.

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FRANCIS WHEELOCK had two daughters, viz.,

1. CAROLINE M., b. Jan. 12, 1823, m. David White, Jr., (W).

2. EMILY B., m. May 21, 1839, Hon. William R. Hill, who was born in Douglas, Feb. 10, 1815, being the eighth generation from John Hill, one of the early settlers of Plymouth Colony, about the year 1632.

In 1836 he engaged in the mercantile business at Wilkinsonville, under the firm name of Dudley & Hill, which continued till the decease of the senior partner in 1844. Since that time the junior partner has continued the business at the same place, till the present writing; also

for the same period of time has been book-keeper and paymaster for the Sutton Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Hill has served on the board of selectmen, assessors, school committee, etc., in the town of Sutton; was one of the Representatives to the General Court, from the 25th Representative District of this County, in 1861; was Senator from the Worcester southeast district for the years of 1862 and 1863; is a director of the Grafton National Bank; and has been connected with the Evangelical Congregational Society of Grafton since 1838. His only child now living, *Ellen A.*, b. Oct. 1, 1848, m. Albert L. Fisher, of Fisherville, b. March 10, 1846.

THOMAS WHEELOCK, m. Sally ———. Children,

1. LISCUMB, b. Nov. 15, 1808, d. July 9, 1812.
2. LEANDER F., b. Nov. 15, 1810, d. Sept. 25, 1828.
3. SARAH A., b. June 1, 1813.
4. CLARENDON D., b. Aug. 29, 1816, d. April 21, 1832.
5. LUCY C., b. July 4, 1819.
6. HARRIET O., b. April 22, 1825.
7. SUSAN R., b. July 14, 1827, d. Oct. 8, 1828.
8. JANE E., b. Jan. 3, 1830, d. Oct. 15, 1830.
9. THOMAS L., b. Jan. 11, 1832, d. Aug. 16, 1835.

#### MARRIAGES.

Benjamin Wheelock, of Mendon, m. Hannah Chapin, June 4, 1752.  
 Silas Wheelock, of Shrewsbury, m. Anna Whitney, July 16, 1783.  
 Joseph Wheelock, of Worcester, m. Sally Slater, March 9, 1786.  
 Ezra Wheelock, of Grafton Gore, m. Vashti Putnam, Jan. 8, 1787.  
 Joel H. Wheelock, of Boylston, m. Mary E. Tracy, Jan. 24, 1832.  
 Elbridge G. Wheelock, of Millbury, m. Dolly B. Atwood, Nov. 13, 1832.

#### WHIPPLE.

MATTHEW WHIPPLE, born in England, came to this country and received a grant of land at Ipswich Hamlet, in 1638, where he resided. He held the chief offices in town and was on some of the most important committees. He d. Sept. 28, 1647.

DEA. JAMES WHIPPLE, (Joseph, Matthew), b. 1681, m. Dec., 1703, Mary Fuller.

"Will of James Whipple: [Probate office, Worcester, vol. 9, pp. 238]. In the name of God, Amen, the Sixteenth day of February, 1759. I, James Whipple of Grafton, in the County of Worcester and province of Massachusetts Bay, in New England, husbandman, being, through Divine indulgence in perfect health in body and of sound memory, but calling to mind the frailty and mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, I do principally and in the first place give and recommend my Soul unto the hands of God who gave it, and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried with Christian and Decent burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting that the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly Estate as it has pleased Almighty God to bless me withall in this life, I give and demise and dispose of the same in form and manner following, viz.

*Imp's.* I give and bequeath unto Mary, my dearly beloved wife, all

my household goods with my whole house and Garden Plot, and all other suitable conveniences and accommodations proper for her about the house, with fire wood sufficient for her use brought home to her and cut fit for the fire, and also six pounds wool and six pounds of good flax, with ten pounds in silver, lawful money of this province to be paid to her annually so long as she lives my widow, or to be paid to her order, or in case she should be incapable of taking care for herself, to be paid to him or them who shall have the care of her. But in case she marry again then to quit her interest in the house, fire, and wood and four of the said ten pounds. I also give twenty and five pounds lawful money to be paid by my executors to be at her disposal if she needs it, if not, to be disposed of among my children or their heirs as she sees cause. My household goods she is to possess during her life, but after her decease they are to be disposed of as is here in after inserted.

*Item.* I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Jacob Whipple of Grafton aforesaid, Ten acres of interval lying in said Grafton at the southerly part of my Interval. Beginning at a maple stump and stones at the North East corner of the Interval and South West side of the Little River so called, the stump being near the river, then running Southwesterly as the Interval goes between the Interval and the top of the Bank to Holbrook's Land, thence Southerly on Holbrook's Land to Black Stones River to the land of Joseph Whipple, thence northerly sd Joseph Whipple's land to the first mentioned bounds. And if the heirs of my late son James Whipple deceased do not forever acquit and discharge the said Jacob Whipple, the aforesaid Ten acres or any part thereof as claimed by deed, then the said Jacob Whipple to have it made up to him to his full satisfaction out of my Real Estate. Together with one half of my stock of Creatures after my grand-sons James and John (the sons of my late beloved son James Whipple deceased) have chose out one cow for themselves, with half of my husbandry tools and half of my wearing apparel, enjoining my sd son Jacob to pay one-third part of his mother's annually dowry with one half of all my other just debts and to receive one half of the dues to my estate after my decease.

*Item.* I give and bequeath to my beloved grandsons James Whipple and John Whipple (sons of my late son James Whipple) to be equally shared between them, all the remainder of my Real Estate together, besides the cow above mentioned, the other half of my stock of creatures, husbandry tools, and wearing apparel enjoining them to pay the other two thirds of their Grandmother's annual dowry and the other half of my just debts, they receiving the other half of the dues to my Estate, provided also and it is my will that the above sd grandson James Whipple have the whole improvement both of the Real and Personal Estate given by this will to them both and render the whole annual Dowry to his Grandmother till John Whipple above said be of age, after which the said John Whipple to pay one half of the whole Dowry above mentioned, that is one half of the whole, (viz.) the two thirds enjoined them enjoining also the said grandson James to pay five pounds as hereafter is inserted.

*Item.* I give to my beloved grandson Daniel Whipple (son of my late son James Whipple) five pounds lawful money to be paid to him by the above Grandson James Whipple if the said Daniel Whipple shall ever arrive to age and deserve it.

*Item.* I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Mary, now wife of Joseph Whipple of sd Grafton, after my wife and her mother's decease, all my household goods, and all her mother's wearing apparel to be delivered to her by my executors for her proper use and benefit forever. And I do hereby constitute and appoint my aforesaid son Jacob Whipple and Grandson James Whipple, executors to this my last

Will and Testament or Legacies, Bequests, or Executors by me in any wise before named, willed or bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the year and day above named.

JAMES WHIPPLE.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said James Whipple, as his last Will and Testament in presence of Samuel Warren, Andrew Adams and Rev. Aaron Hutchinson. Presented for Probate, Nov. 24, 1766."

He was a member of the first church at Ipswich. In 1714, he was dismissed from the first church and united with others to form a church at Ipswich Hamlet. He afterwards moved to Hassanamisco, where he united with others to form the first church here; was deacon of this church. He d. Nov. 3, 1766. Children,

- 1 1. JAMES, b. April 12, 1705, m. Sarah Adams.
- 2 2. JACOB, b. May 26, 1707, m. Jerusha Leland.
- 3 3. DANIEL, b. Aug. 2, 1713.
- 4 4. MARY, bap. Jan. 20, 1716, m. Joseph Whipple.

- 1-1 JAMES WHIPPLE, (James, Joseph Matthew), b. April 12, 1705, m. Jan. 9, 1728, Sarah Adams (A), b. 1709, d. Nov. 22, 1759. He moved with his father to Hassanamisco from Hamilton. He d. Feb. 8, 1759. Children,

1. SARAH, b. Jan. 11, 1729, m. Isaac Willard.
2. MARY, b. Sept. 21, 1730, m. Joshua Winchester and Ephraim Sherman.
3. JAMES, b. Oct. 25, 1732, d. Oct. 10, 1736.
- 4 4. JAMES, b. Aug. 25, 1736, d. Aug. 26, 1736.
- 5 5. JAMES, b. Nov. 23, 1737, m. Elizabeth Hall.
- 6 6. EUNICE, b. March 10, 1740, m. Jonathan Rice.
7. LYDIA, b. Aug. 10, 1741, m. Samuel Hall.
8. JOHN, b. May 21, 1742, m. Ruth Adams.
9. DANIEL, b. Dec. 2, 1750, m. Martha Adams.
10. LYDIA, b. Aug. 22, 1753.

- 2-2 JACOB WHIPPLE, (James, Joseph, Matthew), b. May 26, 1707, m. Hannah Leland (L), b. 1710, d. 1789. Children,

1. JAMES, b. 1732, m. Lydia Powers.
2. JERUSHA, b. 1734, m. David Haven.
3. MOSES, b. 1736, m. Catherine Forbush.
4. HANNAH, b. 1738, m. Isaac Harrington (H).
5. PRUDENCE, b. 1741, m. David Warren (W).
6. ELIZABETH, b. 1744, m. David Wadsworth (W).
7. SUSANNAH, b. 1747, d. 1747.
8. SUSANNAH, b. 1749, m. Thomas M. Baker (B).
9. JEMIMA, b. 1753, m. Ephraim Whitney.

All of the above ch. were b. in Grafton. James rev. to Hardwick, Jerusha to Framingham, Moses to Croyden and Charlestown, N. H., Hannah to Shrewsbury, Susannah and Jemima to Upton.

- 3-4 MARY WHIPPLE, (James, Joseph, Matthew), bap. Jan. 20, 1716, m. Joseph Whipple, Jr. Children,

1. MARY, b. Aug. 15, 1740, m. Moses Holbrook.



- 7 | 2. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 19, 1742, m. Eleanor ——— and Kate Hastings.  
 8 | 3. SAMUEL, b. Aug. 28, 1749, m. Lucy Brown.  
 | 4. SOLOMON, b. Mar. 17, 1752. 5. WILLIAM, b. July 25, 1755.  
 | 6. JEREMIAH, b. Dec. 20, 1758.
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- 4-5 | JAMES WHIPPLE, (James, James, Joseph, Matthew), b. Nov. 23, 1737,  
 | m. June 14, 1763, Elizabeth Hall, b. 1740, d. Oct. 27, 1803. He d. July  
 | 28, 1808. Children,  
 | 1. JONATHAN, b. Dec. 3, 1763, m. Lydia Leland (L).  
 | 2. SARAH, b. Sept. 3, 1765, m. Simon Bruce (B).  
 | 3. JAMES, b. Dec. 1, 1767, m. Sarah Merriam (M).  
 | 4. OLIVER, b. Nov. 25, 1769, m. Elizabeth Hasham and Lydia S. Leland.  
 9 | 5. THADDEUS, b. Feb. 12, 1772, m. Betsey Stow.  
 | 6. EUNICE, b. Feb. 9, 1774, m. Elisha Warren (W).  
 | 7. PERLEY, b. July 24, 1776, m. Olive Drury (D).  
 | 8. NATHANIEL, b. Sept. 8, 1778, m. Phila Warren (W) and Sarah Batch-  
 | eller. Rev. to Southboro.  
 | 9. JOSIAH, b. Mar. 26, 1781, d. Oct. 8, 1803.  
 | 10. BETSEY, b. Jan. 21, 1784, m. James W. Jenkins. Rev. to Barre.
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- 5-8 | JOHN WHIPPLE, (James, James, Joseph, Matthew), b. May 21, 1742,  
 | m. June 14, 1765, Ruth Adams (A). He d. Aug. 18, 1811. Children,  
 | 1. ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 4, 1767, m. Moses Adams (A).  
 10 | 2. JOHN, b. Dec. 10, 1769, m. Lucy Stow.
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- 6-9 | DANIEL WHIPPLE, (James, James, Joseph, Matthew), b. Dec. 2,  
 | 1750. m. Apr. 17, 1776, Martha Adams (A), d. Dec. 8, 1844. He d. Dec.  
 | 30, 1796. Children, b. here,  
 | 1. DANIEL, b. Apr. 17, 1776. 2. ADAMS, b. Sept. 13, 1779.  
 | The family rev. to Walpole, N. H., where other children were b.
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- 7-2 | JOSEPH WHIPPLE, (Joseph, Joseph), b. Oct. 9, 1742, m. Eleanor  
 | ———, d. of a cancer; m. 2nd, Sept. 24, 1797, Kate Hastings. Chil-  
 | dren,  
 | 1. ANNA, b. Dec. 22, 1762. 2. SARAH, b. Oct. 19, 1764.  
 | 3. ELIJAH, b. Jan. 14, 1765, d. Nov. 7, 1770.  
 | 4. JOSEPH, b. July 1, 1767, d. June 30, 1768.  
 | 5. MARY, b. Feb. 1, 1769, m. Amaziah Howard.  
 | 6. MARTHA, b. May 16, 1770, m. Jacob Whitney.  
 | 7. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 13, 1771, d. young.
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- 8-3 | SAMUEL WHIPPLE, (Joseph, Joseph), b. Aug. 28, 1749, m. Aug. 24,  
 | 1769, Lucy Brown (B). Children,  
 | 1. AARON, b. Mar. 26, 1770. 2. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 4, 1772.  
 | 3. WILLIAM, b. Jan. 13, 1774. 4. BENJAMIN, b. Jan. 3, 1776.
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- 9-5 | THADDEUS WHIPPLE, (James, James, James, Joseph, Matthew), b.  
 | Feb. 12, 1772, m. Betsey Stow (S). Children,  
 | 1. SHELOMITH S., b. June 24, 1794, m. Fanny Krueger. He rev. to Bos-  
 | ton and practised medicine.  
 | 2. SIMON B., b. Mar. 20, 1797, m. Prudence L. Harrington. Rev. to  
 | Cambridge, Vt.
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- 10-2 | JOHN WHIPPLE, (John, James, James, Joseph, Matthew), b. Dec. 10,



1769, m. Apr. 25, 1793, Lucy Stow (S), b. 1771, d. Nov. 20, 1831. He d. Sept. 29, 1803. Children,

1. JOHN, b. Sept. 7, 1793, d. Apr. 1, 1818.
2. JONATHAN, b. July 7, 1795, m. Malinda Grout, and rev. to Boston, where he was constable.

AARON WHIPPLE, (Moses, Jacob, James, Joseph, Matthew), b. Mar. 23, 1761, in Charlestown, N. H., rev. to Grafton, and m. Matilda Cooper. He d. 1838. Children,

1. DAVID, b. 1785, m. Sally Cutting.
2. SOLOMON, b. 1788, d. 1788.
3. HULDAH, b. 1790, m. Nathaniel Wheeler.
4. HARVEY, b. 1791, m. Martha Hawes.
5. MOSES, b. 1794, m. H. Cooper.
6. SOLOMON, b. 1796, d. 1798. 7. EXPERIENCE, b. 1798, d. 1801.
8. GRISWOLD, b. 1800, d. 1809. 9. RUBY, b. 1803, d. 1808.

JOSEPH WHIPPLE, m. Oct. 15, 1797, Catherine (Joslin) Hastings.

## WHITE.

DAVID WHITE, JR., (David, Peter), b. in Douglas, May 12, 1789, m. (pub.) Apr. 20, 1811, Parthenia Wheeler (W), b. Sept. 21, 1794, d. Sept. 11, 1828; m. 2nd, Apr. 28, 1830, Sarah Temple. He d. Aug. 16, 1859. Children,

1. ELIAS T., b. Dec. 18, 1812. Rev. to New Jersey.
2. JOHN B., b. Apr. 24, 1815, m. Abigail S. Prentice.
3. DAVID, b. May 5, 1819, m. Caroline M. Wheelock.
- 1 4. ANDREW H., b. Feb. 16, 1821, m. Sarah E. Muzzy.
5. CLARENDON A., b. Aug. 2, 1827. Res. N. Y. city.

- 1-2 JOHN B. WHITE, (David, David, Peter), b. Apr. 24, 1815, m. Jan. 22, 1829, Abigail S. Prentice (P), b. Feb. 20, 1820.

Mr. and Mrs. White are natives of the town, have always lived in it, were born and brought up in houses not far distant from each other, and have always been among the ready helpers and worthy citizens of the town. For several years Mr. White ran the coach between the Centre and the Boston and Albany Railroad station. For many years he has been widely known as the express agent (overland) between the Centre and Worcester, more familiarly known as White's Grafton express. Mr. and Mrs. White were the first couple married by Rev. T. C. Biscoe after his settlement here, and the marriage of their only son was the last one solemnized by Mr. Biscoe before leaving this parish. Children,

1. ABBY P., b. June 28, 1840, d. Sept. 26, 1840.
2. WILLIAM H., b. Dec. 9, 1843, m. Hester A. R. Potter.

He was educated at the common and High schools here, and was prepared for college at Wilbraham Academy. He entered Amherst College in 1863, and was graduated in the class of 1867. Immediately after graduation he was employed as junior teacher in classics, in Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass., where he remained for one year; removing to Stoughton, he was engaged as principal in the High School, which position he held for four years. In the spring of 1872 he was engaged as principal in the Brooks School, West Medford, where he remained four years and a half, at the end of which time he was engaged

as instructor in the Boston Latin School, where he remained nearly two years. October 13, 1877, he sailed for Hanover, Germany. After having mastered the German language, preparatory to a course of study, he entered the Berlin University, in Berlin, Germany, where he is at present (1879) studying. He is fitting himself especially in the study of history.

3. FRED. A., b. Sept. 8, 1850, d. Mar. 26, 1870.

- 2-3 DAVID WHITE, (David, David, Peter), b. May 5, 1819, m. Jan. 1, 1845, Caroline M. Wheelock (W), b. Jan. 12, 1823.

For a number of years he was proprietor of the stage line between the depot and the Centre. For a number of years past he has been engaged in keeping the drug store in Warren Block. Children,

1. FRANCIS W., b. Apr. 26, 1846, d. Aug. 9, 1846.

2. EMILIE B. H., b. Nov. 9, 1847, unm.; music teacher.

- 3-4 ANDREW H. WHITE, (David, David, Peter), b. Feb. 16, 1821, m. Nov. 29, 1842, Sarah E. Muzzy, b. Sept. 14, 1823. Children,

1. CHARLES A., b. Sept. 11, 1844, m. Sept. 6, 1868, Annie Carder. Res. Connecticut.

2. EMMA, b. Mar. 21, 1848, unm.

3. GEORGE H., b. June 9, 1851, m. Dec. 9, 1877, Hattie I. Wheelock. Res. Minnesota.

BENJAMIN WHITE, m. Mar. 5, 1781, Hadassah Esther Prentice (P).

JOHN WHITE, by wife Axsha, had,

1. LEVI, b. Aug. 16, 1799, m. Azuba H. Wesson. Res. in Boston.

JAMES W. WHITE, (Reuben, David, Peter), b. Jan. 4, 1811, m. Sept. 11, 1838, Elizabeth Holden, b. Mar. 16, 1816, d. Nov. 26, 1846; m. 2nd, Apr. 20, 1847, Sarah R. Babcock, b. Jan. 14, 1818.

He was born in Orange, Vt., and removed to this town about 1835. He was judge of the Eastern District, with courts at Westborough and Grafton; also clerk of the town, a position he had filled continuously for twenty-one years. In the latter position he was most widely known, as he will be long remembered for the carefulness, integrity, and courtesy with which he filled that office. Just prior to his death he had declined a re-election to the position of librarian of the public library, because of infirm health, an office he had held from the founding of the institution. In every movement for the general prosperity of the town, for the promotion of moral reform, particularly of temperance, Mr. White was always prompt, earnest and fearless. He died quite suddenly in the street. Children,

1. ELLEN E., b. Jan. 5, 1840, m. Col. J. Frank Searle.

2. CAROLINE M., b. Sept. 27, 1843, m. Isaac Lombard. Res. South Framingham.

3. JAMES A., b. Apr. 6, 1849, unm.

4. FRANK E., b. Jan. 7, 1858, d. Sept. 9, 1858.

5. MARY A., b. Dec. 9, 1861, d. July 15, 1862.

STEPHEN R. WHITE, (Freeburn), b. Feb. 1, 1811, m. Jan. 30, 1842, Nancy Fowler. They res. in Farnumsville. Children,

- 6 1. EDWARD R., b. Aug. 20, 1849, m. Ellen A. Covell.

2. ABBIE M., b. July 20, 1852. She was graduated at the State Normal School in South Framingham, July, 1871, and in Sept., 1873, entered Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

- 6-1 EDWARD R. WHITE, (Stephen R., Freeburn), b. Aug. 20, 1849, m. Jan. 1, 1874, Ellen A. Covell.

He graduated at the Grafton High School, and entered the Worcester County Free Institute of Industrial Science in July, 1872, from which institution he graduated.

CHARLES H. WHITE, m. Nov. 26, 1868, Hester A. Townsend, b. March 23, 1851. Children,

1. SARAH L., b. March 7, 1870. 2. HOWARD S., b. Dec. 20, 1871.

JOHN WHITE, of Northborough, and Sarah Knowlton, were married Oct. 28, 1798.

### WHITNEY.

JOHN WHITNEY embarked at Ipswich, England, April, 1635, for New England, with wife Ellen (Elinor) and five sons. He was admitted freeman March 3, 1636. He was selectman several years, between 1638 and 1655; was town clerk, 1655.

SAMUEL WHITNEY, JR., (Samuel, Nathaniel, Nathaniel, John, John), b. Sept. 23, 1739, m. 1762, Phebe Harrington (H). He res. here and moved to N. Marlborough, Vt. Children,

1. CATHERINE, b. May 5, 1763. 2. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 26, 1764.  
3. MOSES, b. Oct. 20, 1765, d. infant.  
4. MOSES, b. Jan. 26, 1767. 5. GUILFORD, b. Jan. 2, 1769.

JASON WHITNEY, by wife Arabellah, had, Children,

1. PRISCILLA, b. March 13, 1728. 2. MICAH, b. Nov. 9, 1730.  
3. BULAH, b. Dec. 7, 1732. 4. LOIS, b. March 2, 1735.  
5. DUMMERAS, b. May 29, 1737. 6. EUNICE, b. Aug. 5, 1739.  
7. SARAH, b. June 8, 1741.

NATHANIEL WHITNEY, m. Feb. 20, 1754, Abigail Marstop. Ch.,

1. NATHANIEL, b. Oct. 14, 1754.  
2. ABIGAIL, b. Feb. 10, 1757, d. Aug. 27, 1760.  
3. MARY, b. March 19, 1759, d. July 18, 1782.  
4. LYDIA, b. March 20, 1761, d. Feb. 24, 1776.  
5. ABIGAIL, b. April 11, 1763. 6. HANNAH, b. Aug. 28, 1765.  
1 7. JOSEPH, b. Nov. 27, 1767, m. Polly ———.  
8. KATHERINE, b. Feb. 14, 1770.  
9. TIRZAH, b. Aug. 15, 1772, d. Feb. 9, 1776.  
10. LOIS, b. Feb. 8, 1775.

- 1-7 JOSEPH WHITNEY, (Nathaniel), b. Nov. 27, 1767, m. POLLY ———. He d. Aug. 14, 1843. Children,

- 2 1. JOSEPH H., b. March 29, 1803, m. Damaris H. Rice and Sarah Ingraham.  
2. DANIEL S., b. Nov. 24, 1804, d. Nov. 21, 1832.

- 3 3. POLLY J., b. Oct. 29, 1806, m. Solomon L. Prentice.  
 4. NATHANIEL G., b. July 4, 1810, m. Charlotte Thompson.  
 5. HANNAH R., b. Aug. 25, 1812. 6. HARRIOT W., b. Jan. 19, 1817.
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- 2-1 JOSEPH H. WHITNEY, (Joseph, Nathaniel), b. March 29, 1803, m. March 12, 1829, Damaris H. Rice, b. 1807, d. March 17, 1833; m. 2nd, Jan. 7, 1834, Sarah Ingraham. Children,  
 1. CHARLES R., b. Jan. 7, 1830.  
 2. ANDREW W., b. Aug. 16, 1831, d. May 1, 1837.  
 3. SARAH A., b. Jan. 8, 1833, d. Sept. 24, 1836.  
 4. DANIEL S., b. Oct. 9, 1834, m. and rev. to Worcester.  
 5. JOSEPH J., b. July 25, 1836. 6. JOSEPHINE, b. May 25, 1838.  
 7. WILLIAM H., b. May 6, 1840. 8. ELIZABETH M., b. June 30, 1842.
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- 3-4 NATHANIEL G. WHITNEY, (Joseph, Nathaniel), b. July 4, 1810, m. Dec. 24, 1833, Charlotte Thompson. Children,  
 1. LUCINA W., b. Oct. 2, 1834. 2. GEORGE T., b. Oct. 11, 1838.  
 3. CHARLOTTE M., b. Oct. 19, 1843.
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- ORLANDO WHITNEY, b. July 23, 1804, m. May 7, 1829, Susan M. Wood (W), b. Dec. 22, 1808, d. Jan. 29, 1836. He d. July 25, 1874.  
 Ch.  
 1. SUSAN C., b. Nov. 4, 1834, d. 1836.
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- JOHN WHITNEY, (Simon, Timothy), b. in Petersham, Dec. 11, 1805, m. Jan. 1, 1838, Harriet F. Bruce (B), b. Aug. 3, 1819. Children,  
 1. HELEN B., b. Oct. 3, 1838, m. Cyrus D. Aldrich (A), and d. May 4, 1873.  
 2. LUCY H., b. May 27, 1841, unm.

## MARRIAGES.

Daniel Whitney, m. Feb. 9, 1836, Ruth Watson.  
 Horace M. Whitney, m. Oct. 29, 1835, Martha Gerry.  
 Sidney S. Whitney, m. July 4, 1831, Margaret P. Billings.  
 Ephraim Whitney, Jr., Upton, m. Jemima Whipple, Oct. 1, 1778.  
 John S. Whitney, Westborough, m. Susannah Knowlton, Feb. 25, 1794.  
 Jacob Whitney, Upton, m. Patty Whipple, Sept. 27, 1795.  
 Joel Whitney, Upton, m. Mary J. Whitney, Nov. 27, 1828.

## WILLARD.

MAJOR SIMON WILLARD, the ancestor, was b. in Kent, England. He m. three times and had seventeen children.

CAPT. BENJAMIN WILLARD, (Major Simon), b. 1665, m. 1690-1, Sarah Larkin, b. Feb. 4, 1661-2, d. March 15, 1740.

He was a highly respectable peace-loving man, "and generally beloved for his affability and good temper." At one time he was in command of a military company, in an expedition against the Indians; and was offered the commission of Lieut.-Col., which he declined. He was put into the commission of the peace for the County of Worcester, by Gov. Belcher. This was an honor to be coveted in those days. He d. June 16, 1732, the last surviving son of the Major. Children,

- 1 1. JOSEPH, b. May 27, 1693, m. Martha Clarke.



- 2 2. SIMON, b. April 27, 1701, m. Phœbe Newton.  
 3. SARAH, m. Thomas Pratt (P).  
 4. MARGARET. 5. ESTHER.  
 6. HANNAH, b. 1707.
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- 1-1 MAJOR JOSEPH WILLARD, (Capt. Benjamin, Major Simon), b. 1693, m. 1715, Martha Clarke. He took up his residence in Hassanamisco in 1717, was one of the petitioners for its purchase, an early town-officer when it was incorporated. He had the chief seat in the "meeting-house," and was Major of a Worcester regiment. He d. Oct. 18, 1774. "Very few men have left behind them a fairer moral character; eminent for his piety, early in his profession, unshaken in his faith, steady in his private devotion, and a constant attendant on divine worship." His wife d. June 3, 1794. Children,
- 3 1. BENJAMIN, b. Nov. 13, 1716, m. Sarah Brooks.  
 2. SARAH, b. July 30, 1718, m. Noah Brooks (B).  
 4 3. JOSEPH, b. April 27, 1720, m. Hannah Rice.  
 4. MARTHA, b. May 27, 1722, m. David Harrington (H).  
 5 5. ISAAC, b. April 15, 1724, m. Sarah Whipple.  
 6. HANNAH, b. March 17, 1726, m. Richard Roberts.  
 7. PHŒBE, b. March 22, 1728, d. April 11, 1730.  
 8. MARY, b. April 3, 1730, m. Daniel Goddard, and rev. to Shrewsbury.  
 9. JOSIAH, b. March 23, 1732, m. Dinah How, and rev. to Rutland.
- 5½ 10. DANIEL, b. April 13, 1734, m. Sybil Willard, and rev. to Shrewsbury.  
 11. SIMON, b. May 13, 1736, d. Nov. 5, 1751.  
 12. SOLOMON, b. Nov. 7, 1738.
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- 2-2 SIMON WILLARD, (Capt. Benjamin, Major Simon), b. April 27, 1701, m. June 10, 1729, Phœbe Newton. Children,
1. PERSIS, b. March 12, 1729, m. Benjamin Warriner.  
 2. HEPZIBAH, b. Oct. 7, 1731, m. Noah Bowker.  
 3. ESTHER, b. June 13, 1733, d. April 23, 1751.  
 4. PHŒBE, b. April 14, 1735.  
 5. SARAH, b. Feb. 19, 1736, m. Reuben Warriner.  
 6. SYBIL, b. June 3, 1739, m. Daniel Willard. [5½-10].  
 7. ELIZABETH, b. May 4, 1741, d. Nov. 21, 1751.  
 8. \*ABNER, d. Nov. 15, 1751.  
 9. \*CAROLINE, m. George Colton.
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- 3-1 BENJAMIN WILLARD, (Major Joseph, Capt. Benjamin, Major Simon), b. Nov. 13, 1716, m. May 17, 1739, Sarah Brooks.
- He had a family of twelve ch.; one of the sons was Joseph (Harvard College, 1765), a classmate of Rev. President Willard, and successively the minister at Mendon and Boxborough. A second b. was Benjamin,† early known as a clockmaker, perhaps among the first in New England. Aaron also was distinguished and Simon was long and favorably known in this business prior to the revolution, to 1838.
- Children,
1. SARAH, b. July 7, 1740, d. Nov. 5, 1751. 2. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 27, 1741.

\* The family rev. to Longmeadow and they were b. there.

† Benjamin advertises in the *Boston Evening Post*, Dec., 1771, his removal from Lexington to Roxbury, and will take care of clocks purchased of him or his workman at Grafton. \* \* He will sell house clocks, neatly cased, cheaper than imported.



- 6 3. BENJAMIN, Jr., b. Mar. 19, 1743, m. Margaret ———.
4. SOLOMON, b. Jan. 8, 1745.
5. SAMUEL, b. Aug. 19, 1746, d. Oct. 31, 1751.
6. JOHN, b. Aug. 8, 1748.
7. JOSHUA, b. May 15, 1751, m. June 13, 1776, Phebe Porter.
- 7 8. SIMON, b. Apr. 3, 1753, m. Hannah Willard.
9. EPHRAIM, b. Mar. 18, 1755. 10. AARON, b. Oct. 13, 1757.
11. LUCY, b. Oct. 10, 1759.

- 4-3 JOSEPH WILLARD, JR., (Major Joseph, Capt. Benjamin, Major Simon), b. Apr. 27, 1720, m. Feb. 2, 1747, Hannah Rice, b. Mar. 5, 1730, d. Aug. 8, 1825.

He resided in Worcester, but his principal residence was in Grafton. In his day the old custom of "seating the meeting-house" was still continued: that is to say, after the system of pews was established, the pews were assigned to the various members of the parish, the principal man having "the chief seat in the synagogue." This place was assigned to him, in the distribution of pews, in 1762. He joined the army as commissary, and went to the hospital to have the small-pox, and there sickened and died. It will be remembered that he was one of those who gave depositions in relation to the Lexington fight. He d. Mar. 30, 1799. Children, b. in Grafton,

1. THOMAS R., b. Nov. 12, 1748, d. unm. in Lancaster, Apr. 2, 1775.
2. MOLLIE, b. Jan. 4, 1751, m. Aaron Lyon; res. Harvard, and d. Mar. 27, 1843.
3. SARAH, b. Aug. 19, 1753, m. Josiah Lyon; res. Harvard, d. Apr. 21, 1829.
4. HANNAH, b. Apr. 9, 1756, m. Simon Willard (W).
5. PHEBE, b. Apr. 11, 1758, m. ——— Richards, d. in Dedham, Jan. 8, 1782.
6. MARTHA, b. July 12, 1760, m. Joseph Wood (W), d. July 20, 1831.
7. ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 8, 1763, m. ——— Putnam and ——— Harrington, and d. Aug. 12, 1841.
8. VIRTUE, b. Oct. 13, 1766, m. David Wadsworth (W), and d. Dec. 12, 1857.
9. LAKEN, b. Dec. 19, 1769, m. Caleb Leland, and d. Feb. 17, 1862.
- 8 10. JOSEPHUS, b. Feb. 20, 1772, m. Lucy Wadsworth.

- 5-5 ISAAC WILLARD, (Major Joseph, Capt. Benjamin, Major Simon), b. Apr. 15, 1724, m. Sarah Whipple.

He rev. to Worcester, and was in 1771 styled Lieut. Isaac Willard, in Colonel Chandler's regiment. He d. there in 1806, leaving three children, viz.,

1. JAMES, b. June 9, 1747, d. Mar. 12, 1748.
2. JAMES, b. Feb. 12, 1749. 3. SARAH, b. Sept. 15, 1759.

- 5½-10 DANIEL WILLARD, (Major Joseph, Capt. Benjamin, Major Simon), m. Sybil Willard. He rev. to Shrewsbury. Children, b. in Grafton,

1. ABNER, b. Aug. 1, 1760, d. Aug. 18, 1776.
2. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 4, 1761. 3. KATHERINE, b. May 1, 1763.
4. ESTHER, b. Nov. 21, 1764, d. Feb. 2, 1765.
5. ARTEMAS, b. Jan. 6, 1766. 6. AUGUSTUS, b. Oct. 13, 1767.
7. ANNA, b. Aug. 11, 1769. 8. ASENATH, b. Apr. 25, 1771.
9. WINSOR, b. Feb. 24, 1773. 10. BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 29, 1775.
11. DANIEL, b. Oct. 24, 1777. 12. LUKE, b. Mar. 16, 1780.
13. SIMEON, b. May 12, 1783.

- 6-3 BENJAMIN WILLARD, (Benjamin, Major Joseph, Capt. Benjamin, Major Simon), b. Mar. 19, 1743, m. Margaret ———. Children,  
 1. ELIZABETH M., b. May 12, 1783. 2. MARGARET, b. May 23, 1785.  
 3. BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 6, 1787.
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- 7-8 SIMON WILLARD, (Benjamin, Major Joseph, Capt. Benjamin, Major Simon), b. Apr. 3, 1753, m. Nov. 29, 1776, Hannah Willard. Ch.,  
 1. ISAAC W., b. Feb. 6, 1777.
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- 8-10 JOSEPHUS WILLARD, (Joseph, Major Joseph, Capt. Benjamin, Major Simon), b. Feb. 20, 1772, m. Apr. 3, 1793, Lucy Wadsworth (W), d. May, 1863. He d. Apr. 19, 1838. Children,  
 1. LOYALA, b. Sept. 8, 1793, d. unm. Apr. 30, 1816.  
 2. HENRIETTA, b. Nov. 5, 1795, unm.  
 3. SALLY, b. Dec. 4, 1796, m. Oct. 18, 1823, Charles Mitchell, d. Apr. 7, 1875.  
 4. MYRA, b. Nov. 21, 1800, m. June 24, 1822, Martin Harrington. Rev. to Griggsville, Ill., and d. Sept. 24, 1832.  
 5. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 29, 1811, m. Apr. 1857, Ann Brady, b. Feb. 14, 1821. One child, *Myra T.*, b. Apr. 12, 1858, m. June 1, 1876, George Mead. Joseph d. July 8, 1878.  
 6. LEWIS, b. July 28, 1813, d. May 30, 1816.
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### WING.

The numerous family of Wings originated in Sandwich, Mass., to which place the ancestor came from England.

PHILIP WING, (Jashub, Jabez), b. in New Bedford, July 16, 1789, m. May 2, 1821, Betsey Smith, b. July 17, 1795, d. May 27, 1877. He d. Feb. 15, 1852.

The following notice of Mr. Wing's death appeared in a Worcester paper, February 18, 1852:—"The sudden removal, by death, of Philip Wing, Esq., who was so much esteemed and beloved, has thrown a spirit of sadness over the community. In the decease of Mr. Wing our town has suffered a severe loss. His life was one of usefulness. Few men leave these scenes of activity and usefulness more deeply mourned than he. For many years he filled offices of trust and honor in the town, and in all of them his duties were discharged with unerring faithfulness and integrity. The church, of which he was a member, has lost One of the brightest ornaments of the Christian profession—ever letting his light shine before men, he nobly exemplified the Christian doctrine in his daily walk and conversation. In the little family circle where he was so tenderly loved, where his presence was ever the welcome source of happiness, and where his example was always one to be followed and emulated, there his loss will be indeed a sad one. But there is consolation of no common solace, in the thought that his example liveth—that though dead, he yet speaketh." Children,

1. JAMES M., b. Sept. 1, 1823, d. Sept. 18, 1824.
2. HENRY F., b. Sept. 16, 1825, m. Mary E. Mason and Mary E. Tobey.
3. MARY E., b. Nov. 1, 1827, m. Oct. 31, 1848, Humphrey M. Tyler. Ch., *Hattie E.*, b. Oct. 28, 1849, unm. Res. Worcester.
4. GEORGE M., b. Dec. 18, 1829, d. July 14, 1872.

He was educated at the common schools here and at Leicester Academy. When sixteen years of age he entered the employ of Jona-





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RESIDENCE OF HENRY F. WING, ESQ.

than Grout, in his bookstore in Worcester; subsequently removing to New York, he was employed by Ivison & Phinney, publishers. When the late war broke out he enlisted in Co. G, 71st N. Y. Regt. and served his term of enlistment. He was subsequently Assistant-Paymaster on board the *Juliette*, which took a prominent part in the noted Red River Expedition under the charge of Admiral David Porter. The tin-clad Steamer *Juliette* is the vessel that was with the *Eastport* when blown up, and which for forty hours fought three lines of batteries and was cut to pieces in hull and machinery, and had fifteen men killed and wounded. He was afterwards in the Inspector's Department of provision and clothing in the Mississippi Squadron. After the war was over he engaged in business on his own account, and died July 14, 1872, from disease contracted while in the army.

5. SAMUEL H., b. Oct. 3, 1833, unm. Res. Boston.

6. ELLEN A., b. May 29, 1841, m. Nov. 24, 1870, William H. Campbell. Children, *George Wing*, b. Oct. 30, 1871; *Bessie R.*, b. Aug. 14, 1874. Res. Elizabeth, N. J.

- 1-2 HENRY F. WING, (Philip, Jashub, Jabez), b. Sept. 16, 1825, m. June 8, 1852, Mary E. Mason, b. July 5, 1829, d. July 27, 1856; m. 2nd, Apr. 28, 1858, Mary E. Tobey, b. Dec. 9, 1833.

He was educated in the common schools of this town, and at Leicester and Worcester Academies. After completing his education he returned and resided with his father until his death, when he succeeded him in his estate, on which he now resides. From September, 1862, to 1870, he was assistant United States internal revenue assessor; in April, 1864, he was appointed cashier of the Grafton National Bank, and in March, 1869, treasurer of the Grafton Savings Bank, both of which positions he now holds. Mr. Wing has held many town offices, which he has discharged with honor and fidelity, and is one of the most public spirited citizens of this town. The compiler is under many obligations to him for much aid and valuable suggestions. Children,

1. ELLA M., b. Nov. 13, 1853.

She graduated at the Grafton High School, and shortly after entered the State Normal School at South Framingham, from which institution she was graduated in 1872. She is at the present time, and has been since her graduation, employed as teacher in the public schools of Framingham.

2. ALICE M., b. Dec. 29, 1855.

She was educated at the common and High Schools of her native town, entered Vassar College in the year 1874, and graduated with honor in the class of 1878. While in college she was chosen managing editor of the *Vassar Miscellany*, by the Students' Association; also president of the Natural History Society, both honors to be coveted. She was unanimously chosen class orator for class day by her associates. Since September, 1878, she has been employed as teacher of Latin and Greek in Wilson College, Chambersburg, Penn.

3. OLIVER M., b. Sept. 3, 1859.

## WOOD.

CAPT. JOSEPH WOOD settled in that part of Hopkinton now called Woodville, and m. a lady by the name of Gibson. She died, leaving one son, 1. Dr. JOSEPH. Captain Wood then m. a lady by the name of Goodwin, by whom he had the following children,



2. SALLY. 3. ELIZABETH. 4. WILLIAM. 5. SAMUEL. 6. NATHANIEL.  
7. MARTHA. 8. JOHN.

Captain Wood was a man of some note.

DR. JOSEPH WOOD, (Capt. Joseph), b. in Hopkinton, m. Miriam Col-  
lester.

Dr. Wood was born in that part of Hopkinton now known by the name of Woodville. He probably removed to this town soon after marriage. He was the physician of the town, and practised much in adjoining towns and villages. Besides being doctor, he carried on an extensive farm and store, in which he sold West India goods. He became quite wealthy, and was much respected. His residence was situated on land now owned by Silas A. Pierce, on the west side of the common. When he first came to this town he resided on and owned the place afterwards known as the Capt. Pardon Aldrich farm, one mile northeast of the Centre. He was justice of the peace for a number of years. He was a man of decided character, and strong in his convictions of what he thought was right, and liberal in his religious and political views. He held important town offices, and was often representative to the Legislature. He died October 13, 1820. Children,

1. MIRIAM, b. Nov. 28, 1774, d. June 3, 1776.
  2. MIRIAM, b. Nov. 4, 1779, m. Reuben Jenks and ——— Holt. Rev. to Royalston, d. s. p.
  - 1 3. JOSEPH, b. May 20, 1783, m. Phebe Wood.
  - 2 4. COLLESTER, b. May 30, 1786, m. Sarah ———.
  5. HARRY, b. Mar. 4, 1791, m. Sarah Brown, d. s. p., Aug. 4, 1838.
  6. LUCINDA, b. Sept. 12, 1794, m. Joseph Duncan, and d. 1865.
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- 1-3 JOSEPH WOOD, (Joseph), b. May 20, 1783, m. Phebe Wood (W), b. May 19, 1795. "*The Doctor*" died about 1823, and his widow m. ——— Wight, June 22, 1825. Children,
1. PHEBEAN, b. May 3, 1804, m. ——— Haskell.
  2. ADELIA, b. Nov. 4, 1805, d. May 19, 1813.
  3. JOSEPH S., b. June 10, 1807, went west.
  4. CLARISSA E., b. Nov. 19, 1809, m. George Bailey; rev. to Worcester.
  5. WILLIAM F., b. Sept. 27, 1811, m. Emily Curtis.
  6. LEANDER S., b. June 5, 1814, d. Sept. 3, 1839.
  7. AUGUSTUS H., b. July 13, 1816, m. and went west.
  8. LUTHER W., b. Aug., 23, 1818, m. Eunice Gould.
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- 2-4 COLLESTER WOOD, (Joseph), b. May 30, 1786, m. Sarah Bowen; m. 2nd, Eliza Wood. He rev. to New Boston, Ct., and d. there Oct. 2, 1850. Children,
1. CHARLES C., b. Jan. 4, 1810, m. Sarah ——— and Harriet Barnes; rev. to Dudley.
  2. EDWIN H., b. Dec. 6, 1811, m. Caroline Chase.
  3. ALBION B., b. Nov. 4, 1813, m. and rev. to Madison, Ind.
  4. GILBERT H., b. Oct. 3, 1816, m. Elizabeth ———, and rev. to Iowa.
  5. SARAH C., b. March 2, 1819, d. young. }
  6. SUSAN A., b. March 2, 1819, d. March 14, 1819. } Twins.

SAMUEL WOOD, (half brother of Dr. Joseph), b. in Hopkinton, 1761, m. Sept. 28, 1788, Elizabeth Kimball, b. 1770, d. Sept. 15, 1824.

He removed to this town from Woodville, Hopkinton, when quite a young man and was employed by his brother, Dr. Joseph Wood, on his

farm and in his store. He was noted for his activity. He was for a number of years the principal inn-keeper in the town. He erected the present Grafton Hotel and kept it until his death, Sept. 30, 1813. Ch.,

1. BETSEY, b. May 10, 1789, d. Sept. 12, 1792.
2. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 5, 1792, d. Sept. 13, 1792.
- 3 3. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 16, 1793, m. Sarah Bruce and Hannah P. Adams.
4. BETSEY, b. Nov. 1, 1801, d. May 16, 1816.

- 3-3 HON. SAMUEL WOOD, (Samuel), b. Dec. 16, 1793, m. Sarah Bruce (B), d. June, 1817; m. 2nd, Hannah P. Adams (A).

He was born in this town and always resided here with but the exception of one or two years of temporary absence. After the death of his father he became proprietor of the Hassanamisco House, which he conducted with success and finally sold to Lovell Baker, Senior, when he purchased of Dr. Lamb, and built the house now the residence of George F. Slocomb, Esq. He was for a number of years a very large shoe manufacturer in company with Noah Kimball; Wood, Kimball & Co. He held all the town offices,—town clerk, assessor, selectman, and representative for a number of years. He was also a member of the Senate of the Massachusetts legislature from this Worcester district, and a member of the council of Gov. Briggs. During this time he was the most influential man in this section, especially in this town. The following facts show the influence he commanded over his fellow-citizens:

During the temporary absence of Mr. Wood, the town voted to purchase three hand fire engines of Messrs. Howard & Davis, and a committee were chosen for this purpose. Upon his return and ascertaining what had been done, through his influence, a special town meeting was called and the citizens voted not to accept the engines, which had already been constructed according to the specifications of the committee. The company brought suit against the town, and after an expensive trial for the citizens, which nearly doubled the original cost of the machines, the town was obliged to take the engines. When the post-office was established here he was appointed deputy-postmaster under Dr. Lamb, and when he removed from town, was appointed postmaster, which office he held for a number of years. Children,

1. SARAH E., b. May 17, 1817, m. Nicholas H. Brigham (B), res. in New York City.
2. HANNAH M., b. Aug. 2, 1820, m. Rufus E. Warren (W).
3. AMELIA W., b. Dec. 23, 1823, d. unm.
4. JANE A., b. Dec. 2, 1827, d. unm. in Sept., 1875.

JOSEPH WOOD, (Joseph), b. Aug. 19, 1755, m. Dec. 25, 1777, Martha Willard (W), b. July 12, 1760, d. July 20, 1831. He d. Aug. 7, 1821.

Children,

- 4 1. JOSEPH T., b. April 25, 1778, m. Abigail Waterman.
- 5 2. ISAAC W., b. Jan. 2, 1780, m. Susannah Smith.
3. LAFAYETTE, b. Dec. 19, 1781, d. Nov., 1792.
4. HANNAH R., b. Sept. 8, 1783, m. Joel Fay (F).
5. PHEBE, b. May 19, 1785, m. Joseph Wood, ——— Wright and Joel Gates.
6. PATTY, b. Feb. 12, 1789, m. Truman Clark.
7. THOMAS R., b. April 4, 1793, d. Sept. 3, 1795.
- 6 8. LIBERTY, b. Aug. 25, 1794, m. Sarah Warren and Clarissa Holbrook.
- 7 9. THOMAS R., b. June 3, 1798, m. Sophronia Hutchinson.

- 4-1 JOSEPH T. WOOD, (Joseph, Joseph), b. April 25, 1778, m. Jan. 1, 1801, Abigail Waterman, b. Oct. 4, 1778, d. April 18, 1851. He d. Feb. 20, 1817. Children,
1. JONATHAN W., b. Jan. 8, 1802, m. Lucy Cutler and Lama Benson.
  2. JOEL F., b. Dec. 5, 1804, m. Lucy Sanford.
  3. HORACE W., b. April 10, 1808, d. Sept. 30, 1829.
  4. JOSEPH W., b. April 10, 1808, m. Ann Shaw.
- 8 5. LIBERTY, b. Dec. 1, 1813, m. Alice R. Marsh.
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- 5-2 ISAAC W. WOOD, (Joseph, Joseph), b. Jan. 2, 1780, m. Oct., 1802, Susannah Smith, b. Feb. 7, 1782, d. Oct. 23, 1877. He d. Jan. 13, 1868. Children,
- 9 1. ABIJAH, b. Feb. 1, 1803, m. Harriet Stone, b. Sept. 24, 1804.
  2. LINCOLN, b. April 16, 1804, m. 1828, Mary Stone and Marietta Mellen; res. in Westborough.
  - 10 3. WILLARD S., b. Aug. 30, 1806, m. Sophronia Wheelock, Martha P. Brown and Mrs. Rhoda M. White.
  4. SUSAN M., b. Dec. 22, 1808, m. Orlando Whitney (W).
  5. CAROLINE A., b. Oct. 7, 1813, m. Gardner L. Wheelock (W).
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- 6-8 LIBERTY WOOD, (Joseph, Joseph), b. Aug. 25, 1794, m. May 17, 1818, Sarah Warren (W), b. April 1, 1795, d. 1864; m. 2nd, Oct. 19, 1865, Clarissa Holbrook, b. Jan. 8, 1795, d. Jan. 16, 1878. He d. April 15, 1873.
- Capt. Wood was engaged in the manufacture of shoes in this town for over fifty years. He was deeply interested in military matters and was for several years captain of the Grafton Light Infantry. He held all the important town offices and was treasurer for several years.
- Children,
- 11 1. WARREN L., b. April 22, 1819, m. Priscilla M. Downing and Anna S. Congdon.
  - 12 2. JONATHAN H., b. Aug. 10, 1822, m. Annah E. Brigham.
  - 13 3. CHARLES C., b. Jan. 31, 1827, m. Mary Gates and Sarah (Duncan) Moore.
  4. FRANCIS M., b. Sept. 24, 1832, m. Mrs. Abbie Tourtellotte.
  5. EDWARD E., b. July 23, 1835, d. March 3, 1837.
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- 7-9 THOMAS R. WOOD, (Joseph, Joseph), b. June 3, 1798, m. April 8, 1820, Sophronia Hutchinson, b. Jan. 9, 1799. He rev. to Philadelphia where he d. in 1867. Children,
1. GEORGE L., b. Feb. 15, 1822.
  2. HARRIET S., b. Nov. 23, 1823.
  3. JULIA E., b. Nov. 25, 1825, m. ——— Ogden.
  4. THOMAS O., b. Nov. 25, 1827, d.
  5. FRANKLIN W., b. Aug. 29, 1829, d. Jan. 20, 1831.
  6. HORACE R., b. Oct. 6, 1831.
  7. JANE M., b. June 30, 1833, d. Aug. 13, 1834.
  8. ALFRED B., b. July 20, 1835, d. Aug. 18, 1836.
  9. ALBERT C., b. July 20, 1835, d. Aug. 25, 1836. } Twins.
  10. FREDERICK W., b. June 27, 1837.
  11. WALTER H., b. July 27, 1839, d. Sept. 18, 1840.
  12. EMMA L., b. Feb., 1843, d. July 18, 1848.
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- 8-5 LIBERTY WOOD, (Joseph T., Joseph, Joseph), b. Dec. 1, 1813, m. March 31, 1846, Alice R. Marsh, b. May 14, 1822. Children,

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1. HORACE T., b. Feb. 5, 1848. 2. MARIA E., b. April 14, 1850.  
3. ABBIE J., b. July 6, 1851.
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- 9-1 ABIJAH WOOD, (Isaac W., Joseph, Joseph), b. Feb. 1, 1803, m. April 13, 1825, Hannah Stone (S), b. Sept. 24, 1824. Children,  
1. DELIA M., b. Oct. 10, 1828, d. March 12, 1847.  
2. HANNAH C., b. Sept. 5, 1830, d. Dec. 24, 1850.  
3. GREGORY S., b. April 23, 1835, d.  
4. ALFRED A., b. May 15, 1837, d. Aug. 24, 1838.  
5. GREGORY S., b. April 8, 1839. 6. ISAAC W., b. May 12, 1844.
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- 10-3 WILLARD S. WOOD, (Isaac W., Joseph, Joseph), b. Aug. 30, 1806, m. Dec. 2, 1828, Sophronia Wheelock (W), b. Aug. 7, 1807, d. June 23, 1841; m. 2nd, May 18, 1842, Martha P. Brown, b. July 23, 1816, d. Sept. 8, 1850; m. 3rd, Jan. 25, 1853, Mrs. Rhoda M. White, b. Aug. 5, 1827. He was Adjutant of the Second Regiment Massachusetts Militia. He res. in the place occupied by his father, and has been Deacon of the Congregational (Unitarian) church for a number of years. Children,  
1. CLARENDON S., b. Feb. 7, 1830, d. Sept. 11, 1830.  
2. HARRISON W., b. Sept. 21, 1831, m. Jane M. Ball, Alice A. Jones and Kate B. Walker.  
3. ISAAC H., b. June 29, 1833, m. Sophia E. Sanderson.  
4. PERSIS S., b. Jan. 15, 1835, m. James L. Burbank, and rev. to Worcester, where he d. Jan. 31, 1878.

Mr. Burbank was born in Fitchburg, but spent most of his life in Worcester. After receiving an education in the public schools, he entered the drug store of his uncle, M. B. Green, as an apprentice, was afterwards partner, and for the last years of his life was sole proprietor. He was an expert in his profession. He was one of the charter members of Quinsigamond Lodge of Freemasons, and was also a member of the Worcester County Commandery of Knights Templar. He left a wife and one daughter.

5. LEONARD W., b. Feb. 13, 1839, d. July 19, 1840.  
6. WALTER B., b. Aug. 5, 1848, m. Nellie B. Cushing.
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- 11-1 WARREN L. WOOD, (Liberty, Joseph, Joseph), b. April 22, 1819, m. June 5, 1849, Priscilla M. Downing, b. Sept. 26, 1826; m. 2nd, July 15, 1856, Anna S. Congdon. He rev. to Rochester, N. Y., where he d. Sept. 17, 1861. Ch.,  
1. FRANK W., b. Sept. 22, 1850, (gr. Brown University).
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- 12-2 HON. JONATHAN H. WOOD, (Liberty, Joseph, Joseph), b. Aug. 10, 1822, m. June 1, 1859, Annah E. Brigham (B), b. March 6, 1835, d. Feb. 4, 1862.

He was educated at Millbury Academy, and at an early age entered the service of Wood, Kimball & Co., as clerk in their store, where he remained six years. At the end of this time he, in company with Charles A. Pierce, purchased their stock of goods, and conducted the business for six years. In 1852, with Silas A. Pierce as partner, he purchased the stock of L. Stowe & Co., in the two stores in the old Warren Block, and conducted the business for two years. Mr. Pierce retiring, he continued in the same place until 1878, only during a short time while the block, which was burned, was being rebuilt, he was in Hancock Block, having rented a portion of it of Silas A. Pierce. He has held the various town offices and was chairman of the board of



assessors for six years in succession; Representative in 1868; Senator in 1871. He served on important committees in both branches of the General Court. He was one of the earliest advocates of the Dummy railroad, and was chairman of the committee for building and equipping the road, and its first superintendent. He was the democratic candidate for governor's council in 1874 and '75. Ch.,

1. ANNAH E., b. Jan. 21, 1862.

13-3 CHARLES C. WOOD, (Liberty, Joseph, Joseph), b. Jan. 31, 1827, m. June 4, 1845, Mary Gates, b. Aug. 3, 1833, d. March 26, 1861; m. 2nd, June 4, 1862, Sarah (Duncan) Moore, b. Sept. 17, 1830. He was one of the prominent citizens and was for a number of years engaged in the manufacture of shoes. He d. Jan. 22, 1875. Children,

1. C. EDWARD, b. Dec. 25, 1851. 2. HARRY F., b. Aug. 12, 1856.

3. MARY E., b. March 12, 1861, d. July 26, 1861.

4. SARAH W., b. March 20, 1863.

5. MARY I., b. May 13, 1866.

6. JOSEPH L., b. Feb. 29, 1868, d. Aug. 23, 1868.

7. ADA F., b. Feb. 27, 1870.

JONATHAN WOOD, by wife Sarah, had, children,

1. CALEB, b. April 28, 1774. 2. SALLY, b. April 17, 1775.

NATHANIEL G. WOOD, m. April 16, 1793, Levina Hayden. Children,

1. MEARIT, b. Jan. 21, 1794. 2. MARTHA, b. Nov. 5, 1795.

LYMAN WOOD, by wife Sarah, had, children,

1. MARY E., b. Feb. 14, 1834. 2. HANNAH P., b. July 4, 1835.

3. SARAH J., b. Nov. 22, 1838. 4. HARRIET A., b. March 5, 1841.

5. GEORGE L., b. Dec. 19, 1842.

CALEB WOOD, by wife Mariah J., had, children,

1. MARY J., b. June 8, 1834, m. William Brown.

2. ADELIA M., b. Jan. 28, 1836, m. Linus Newell.

3. SAMUEL H., b. July 28, 1838, m. Miss Frost.

4. ELIZA P., b. April 14, 1843, m. Elder Holt.

#### MARRIAGES.

Eliphalet Wood, of Littleton, m. Abigail Child, Nov. 7, 1751.

William Wood, m. Phebe Goulding, Nov. 16, 1786.

Alonzo Wood, m. Jerusha J. Fay, June 26, 1828.

Edwin H. Wood, m. Caroline W. Chase, April 2, 1833.



## APPENDIX.

Since the preceding pages have been printed I have learned a few additional facts, which are important and worthy of record, and which are here inserted:—

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“Capt. WALTER FOREHAND, tobacconist, on Front street, died suddenly from heart disease while sitting in a chair in his store, in August, 1879. Captain Forehand joined the Fifteenth Regiment Massachusetts volunteers, in Camp Scott, in Worcester, at the breaking out of the rebellion, as captain of the Grafton company, so called, he being at that time a resident of Saundersville. He followed the fortunes of the regiment until November, 1862, when he was discharged for disability, having been wounded in the battles of Ball’s Bluff and Antietam. Afterwards, having been commissioned as captain in the invalid corps, served most of the time in Washington and vicinity until the close of the war, frequently having charge of prisoners of war; and was in charge of General Early and other generals of lesser note *en route* to Fort Warren, when the news reached the party of the death of Abraham Lincoln. Captain Forehand was a man of sterling integrity in all his business habits, and lived up to the motto quite too often forgotten: ‘Never make a contract that you cannot keep.’ He leaves a wife and two daughters.

At a meeting of the directors of the Fifteenth Massachusetts Regiment Association, the following resolutions were passed:—

WHEREAS, The sudden death of our comrade, Captain Forehand, having come to our notice;

*Resolved*, That in our late associate, Capt. Walter Forehand, we remember with satisfaction his meritorious and gallant service in camp and field during the late war of the rebellion.

*Resolved*, That as a member of our association we found in him a warm friend and a manly desire to keep alive the memories of the old Fifteenth, and in his loss we mourn as only those who mourn a good and true comrade in arms.

*Resolved*, That a committee of this association tender their services as bearers upon the sad funeral occasion, so soon to be performed.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of the deceased, and also to the Worcester papers for publication.”—*Worcester Daily Spy*.

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### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

This society was organized in New England Village a short time previous to 1850. Of its early history very little can be ascertained as the records are very meagre, and its population has been so changeable that none of its original members are now living in the village. This society have a house of worship and a settled pastor. The church was established probably through the efforts of Rev. Messrs. Eastman, Chandler and Thayer.

Sometime about 1856-9 the Methodists in the Centre worshipped in the Town Hall, Warren block, and had for a pastor the Rev. W. F. Mallalieu, now of the Walnut Street Church, Chelsea.

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### LAWYERS.

DANIEL BAYARD HUBBARD, the son of Dea. Allen Hubbard, an extensive farmer and lumberman, was born in Hiram, Oxford County, Maine,

in 1835. He received his primary education in the city of Saco, and his collegiate education in Colby University. In the spring of 1858 he assumed the principalship of the Grafton High School, in which position he remained for nearly four years; afterwards taught at Leominster two years. He was elected master of the Ancient Mather School, Dorchester District, Boston, where he remained fourteen years. After pursuing the study of law nine months in the office of Bacon, Hopkins & Bacon, of Worcester, he passed a successful examination and was admitted to practice June 16, 1879. The following month he opened an office in Harrington & Nichols' Block.

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#### COLLEGE GRADUATES.

BIGELOW, JOHN W., Brown University. He was born in Northbridge, January 14, 1834, and attended the common schools of his native town until the removal of his parents to Marietta, Ohio, where he was fitted for college. His parents returned to Massachusetts, and he entered Brown University in 1852, where he remained for three years. In 1861 he removed to this town. During the late war he served as a non-commissioned officer in the 51st Regiment, Company E. He was a member of the School Board here for nine years, and often chairman. He is now superintendent of the Colorado Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company, in Canon City, Colorado. His family reside in Grafton.

CRIPPEN, JOSEPH J., Concord, N. H., Commercial College, 1865.

CRIPPEN, HENRY J., Dartmouth College, 1861. He fitted for college at the New London Literary and Scientific Institution, New London, N. H., graduated in 1857, and was class valedictorian. Graduated from Dartmouth College in 1861; was class poet. After graduation he taught in the Concord, N. H., Grammar and High School for three years, and resigned to take a position in the office of the State treasurer; was clerk of the joint committee on retrenchment of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, during the 41st Congress; clerk of the United States Senate committee on the District of Columbia, during the first session of the 42nd Congress; resigned in August, 1872, to take the place of cashier of the National State Capitol Bank, of Concord, N. H., which position he still holds. September 1st, 1868, he married Susan J., daughter of Hon. Peter Sanborn, and has two children, Lula J., born April 9, 1870, and Mary Alice, born October 12, 1872.

GAUREN, CHARLES, Holy Cross College, 1869. He was born in Worcester, April 15th, 1848; removed to Grafton with his family at an early age. He fitted for college at the Grafton High School, and entered Holy Cross College, Worcester, in 1865. He graduated in 1869, with great distinction, receiving five crosses of honor. In September, 1869, he went to Montreal to study for the priesthood, but was taken sick there and died in March, 1871.

GAUREN, FREDERICK A., Holy Cross College, 1875. He was born in Grafton, June 8th, 1854; removed with his family to Worcester, in 1869. He graduated at the Worcester High School, and went from there to Holy Cross College, where he graduated in 1875, standing first in his class, and consequently receiving the cross of honor. He taught at the college the next year with marked success. In June, 1879, he graduated at the Boston University School of Law, receiving the degree of LL. B., and a few days later he received the degree of A. M., from his *alma mater*. He will practise law in Worcester.

GROSVENOR, REV. MOSES G., Dartmouth, 1818. He died suddenly at his home in Worcester, July 24, 1879. He was born in 1796, and was consequently 83 years old at the time of his death. He was a son of Rev. Daniel Grosvenor, of Grafton, and a graduate of Dartmouth College, of the class of 1818. His ministerial life was spent as pastor of Congregational Churches in Haverhill, Clarendon, Vt., Barre, Mass., Marlborough, N. H., and Guilford, Vt. The past fifteen years he lived at Troy, O., in retirement from the active work of the ministry. A few months prior to his death he removed to Worcester, expecting to find here an evening home, as he expressed it, among the scenes and acquaintances of earlier days. He had no children, and after the death of his second wife made a home with a niece. The death summons came suddenly to this veteran servant of God, but it found him ready.

"A mortal arrow pierced his frame;  
He fell, but felt no fear."

His oft repeated prayer, that his end might be peaceful, was granted. The funeral took place at Petersham, where his father died many years since at the age of 84. Mr. Grosvenor was a man of strong individuality and earnest piety. He was in many respects a clergyman of the old school, and commanded, by his dignified bearing and high personal character, the respect of all who knew him. He had a brother, Rev. Cyrus P. Grosvenor, who died a few months since, a Baptist clergyman, once pastor at Southbridge and also in Boston, and who was one of the anti-slavery champions of the days of Garrison, and a man of strong character.

GROSVENOR, REV. CYRUS P., Dartmouth, 1822. He was a Baptist minister, first settled in Boston, in 1827, from thence to Salem, Mass., was an earnest and laborious advocate of anti-slavery, co-worker with William Lloyd Garrison. Died at Albion, Michigan, Feb., 1879, aged 76 years.

MERRIAM, HENRY H., Amherst.\* He was born in Randolph, Ohio, March 1, 1841. He moved east in 1845-6. Resided two years in Shrewsbury, and moved to Grafton, remained here till April 1, 1866, when he went to Warren, Mass., there till November, 1866, when he moved to Worcester, where he still resides in the employ of L. J. Knowles & Bro., loom builders, as book-keeper and superintendent. He was elected Deacon of the "Old South" Church, January, 1869, for six years; re-elected for four years, January, 1875; re-elected for four years, January, 1879. He was assistant superintendent of the Sunday-School four years and superintendent four years. He united with the church at Grafton, January, 1858. Married Marielle E., daughter of Arunah Harlow, of Shrewsbury.

PRENTICE, GEORGE.

PUTNAM, HARRINGTON, Colby, 1870. He was born in Shrewsbury, June 29, 1851; attended Grafton High School in the years 1864 and 1865; entered Colby University, Waterville, Maine, and graduated class of 1870; received degree of LL.B. from Law School, Columbia College, on completion of regular law course in May, 1876. Admitted to bar of New York, in 1876. Has since practised law in New York City, and resided in Brooklyn.

SMITH, ALFRED MANSFIELD, Brown.† He graduated at Pierce Academy, Middleborough, in 1868, and entered Brown University in 1869, leaving in 1873. He took the scientific course.

\* Entered in 1862; there freshman year only.

† Entered and remained four years.

SMITH, HERBERT MANLIUS, Institute of Technology, 1871.\* He graduated at Pierce Academy, Middleborough, in 1867, after which he studied at the Institute of Technology, Boston, two years, when, his health failing, he took a voyage to Europe, and completed his studies at the University in Berlin, Germany. He died in May, 1875, aged 26, leaving a widow and a large number of friends to mourn his loss. He was superintendent of the Grafton Company's mills in New England Village, and possessed rare qualifications for the position.

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ARTHUR G. BISCOE, Esq., of Westborough, died Thursday, Aug. 28, 1879, at Neptune Cottage, Ocean Avenue, Lynn. He was a native of Grafton, where he was born March 26, 1842, his father being the Rev. T. C. Biscoe, now of Holliston, but formerly of Grafton. He graduated at Amherst College in 1862, and served during the rebellion in Company G, 51st Massachusetts Regiment. He was admitted to the Worcester County bar in 1864, and immediately opened an office in Westborough, where he has since practised law. His health has been delicate for some time, and his death was not unexpected. Mr. Biscoe was ever an energetic and public spirited man. In his business he was prompt, reliable and faithful to the trusts which he assumed for others. As a citizen of Westborough he took an active interest in all matters of a public nature, and was held in the highest esteem by his business associates and acquaintances. He was quite active in politics, having represented the town in the legislature in 1871, a member of the present republican state central committee, and frequently urged as a candidate for senator from the second Worcester district. He also held several town offices, was an officer in one or more of the banks in Westborough and vicinity, and in whatever position he was placed discharged his duties in a manner by which he won and retained the confidence of all with whom he was associated. He leaves a wife, the daughter of the late Hon. A. M. Bigelow, of Grafton, and two children.—*Worcester Daily Spy*.

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Rev. ERI J. FORBUSH, b. 1789, m. Sally McClellan, and rev. to Southborough. "He was converted at the age of twenty-one, and united with the Baptist Church in his native town. In 1826, he was ordained and became pastor of the Baptist Church in Southborough. In Nov., 1831, he accepted a call from the church in North Attleborough. His pastorate continued here for five years, and the church was greatly increased in numbers and efficiency. In 1836, he was settled in Billerica; in 1845, in Westminster, and in both places his efforts were crowned with success in converting a large number. He afterwards labored as a missionary in connection with the church in Tremont Temple, and as pastor of the church in South Danvers; closing his ministerial work at Gay Head, where he did efficient service for two summers. His friends, through the nature of his last sickness were deprived of any dying testimony, but his life of devotion, of successful toil, and of fervent love for souls, is a testimony to which no dying words could add." [Obituary by Rev. William Lamson, D. D., as given at the Baptist State Convention in Pittsfield, Oct., 1873].

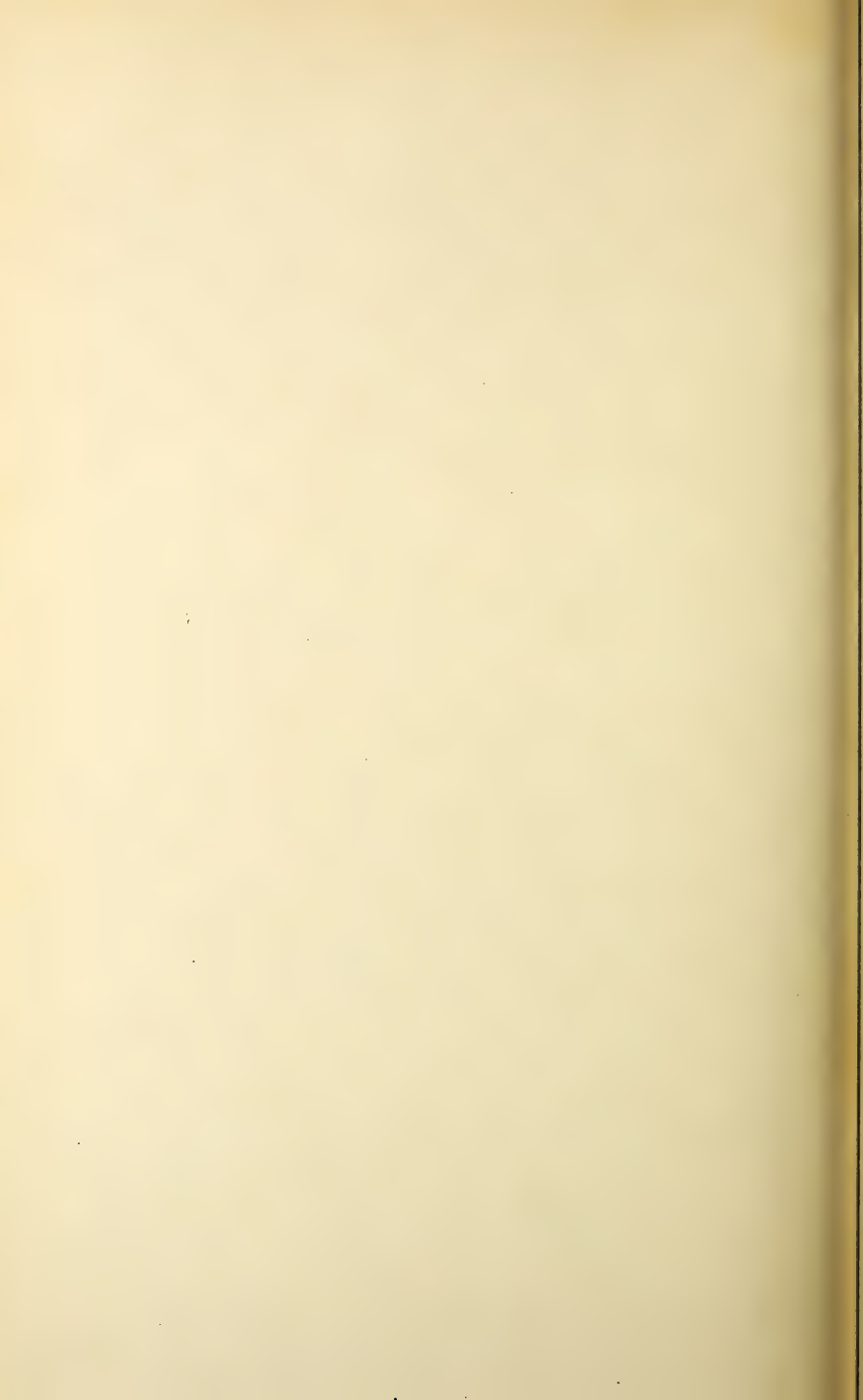
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GEORGE PRENTICE was born in Grafton (Farnumsville), the 15th of December, 1834. His father, James Prentice, was of Scotch birth; his mother's maiden name was Diantha Joslin, of Manchaug Village, Sutton. Mr. Prentice attended various district schools in his youth, and was for some time a student in the Millbury Academy, the Webster Academy, and the Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham. He studied theology in the Biblical Institute at Concord, N. H. This institution was afterwards removed to Boston, and is known as the School of Theology in Boston University. Like most young men who educate themselves in New England, he taught school in various places; one year he taught in Piedmont Station, Va. In 1857 he joined the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was appointed in succession to churches in Greenfield, Ludlow, Wilbraham, Oxford, Melrose, Newtonville, Hyde Park, and Bromfield Street, Boston. In 1865 Mr. Prentice was honored with the degree of A. M., from Wesleyan University. In 1857-8 he studied in the Universities of Berlin and Halle; and traveled in North and South Germany, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, France, England and Scotland. In 1871, Mr. Prentice was elected Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature, and instructor in the Hebrew language, Wesleyan University. Soon after, his professorship was exchanged for that of modern languages and Hebrew. This position he still holds. In 1873, Mr. Prentice received the degree of D. D., from the Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.





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